

# VOTES FOR WOMEN

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## THE TWO ASQUITHS.



**CITOYEN ASQ-TH:** "Down with privilege of birth—up with Democratic rule!"

**MONSEIGNEUR ASQ-TH:** "The rights of government belong to the aristocrats by birth—men. No liberty or equality for women!"

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To the brave women who to-day are fighting for freedom: to the noble women who all down the ages kept the flag flying and looked forward to this day without seeing it: to all women all over the world, of whatever race, or creed, or calling, whether they be with us or against us in this fight, we dedicate this paper.

### THE OUTLOOK.

An event has taken place at Bristol which, from the accounts in the daily Press, will not have been understood. Miss Theresa Garnett, acting on her own initiative and using a riding switch, took the opportunity of the visit of Mr. Winston Churchill to Bristol to express her indignation at the action of the Government. As a result, she humiliated Mr. Churchill without inflicting

on him serious injury, while she herself bears the punishment of one month's imprisonment in Bristol goal.

#### Who is to Blame?

The responsibility for this action rests with the Government, who have attempted to goad women into rebellion by violently assaulting them in their person. They have had them "ruthlessly flung out" of their meetings, trampled down with mounted police, insulted in the prisons of the country as common criminals, and fed by force by means of the stomach tube. On page 120 of this issue our readers will find an article by Miss Christabel Pankhurst dealing with Miss Garnett's action, and on page 121 an article by Mr. Pethick Lawrence dealing with the whole question of the use of physical force.

#### Other Action at Bristol.

In addition to the action taken by Miss Theresa Garnett other members of the Women's Social and Political Union made protests in different ways against the refusal of the Government to grant Woman Suffrage. Nurse Pitman broke the windows of the Post Office, Miss Wentworth and Miss Allen broke the windows of the Liberal Club, Miss Jessie Lawes threw a stone from the top of a tramcar through the window of the banquet hall in which Mr. Churchill was speaking. For these actions sentences of one fortnight in the second division were passed on Miss Wentworth, Miss Allen, and Miss Jessie Lawes; Miss Pitman was committed for trial at the Assizes, and was sentenced on Wednesday to two months' hard labour; while the police, in order to avoid requiring the appearance of Mr. Winston Churchill, turned the case against Miss Garnett into one of disturbing the public peace, and in this way secured a

sentence against her of imprisonment for one month as an alternative to being bound over.

#### Inside the Hall.

Inside the hall Mr. Churchill found himself confronted by men who drew attention to the disgraceful behaviour of the Government towards women. They were flung out of the meeting with great violence. Meanwhile Mr. Churchill was saying that the next Government would have to deal with the Suffragettes as well as with the House of Lords.

#### At the Savoy Theatre.

Another opportunity of proving to Cabinet Ministers that women are not prepared to continue to tolerate their contemptuous attitude any longer without protest occurred at the Savoy Theatre on Thursday night in last week. Mr. Lloyd George, who was occupying a box to hear a song specially prepared for him, found that he was greeted by members of the audience, who rose and cried shame on him for consenting as a member of the Cabinet to the forcible feeding of women in prison.

#### The Lesson of History.

Speaking of the militant suffrage agitation, Mr. Walter Long said on Saturday last that great reforms had been carried in the country hitherto because they had been rested on argument, and if they turned from argument to physical violence they would turn the current of political life in this country. Unfortunately the record of the history of franchise reforms testifies to the exact opposite of this pacific view. It is well known that the reforms of 1831 and 1867 would never have been carried unless the balance of argument had been supported by sterner reasoning. The great Gladstone knew this well, and in a famous passage declared that if no other instructions had been given to the people but to remain law-abiding the liberties



of the people would never have been obtained. On the other hand, it must be distinctly understood that the concession of the vote will place in the hands of women a constitutional weapon which will enable them to put back into its scabbard the militant sword by which they will have won this fundamental right.

#### Ministers and Woman Suffrage.

On Wednesday in last week Lord Crewe was interviewed by the Forward Suffrage Union of the Women's Liberal Federation, and declared that "he never had been a violent opponent of the movement," but stated that the Government would not make the question an issue at the General Election, adding the obvious untruth that he did not believe they could make it an issue even if they wished to do so. Mr. Macnamara, interviewed by the Nottingham branch of the Women's Liberal Union, declared himself personally in favour of Woman Suffrage, but added that he was not speaking on behalf of the Government, nor would he undertake to use his influence with them in the matter. Mr. Winston Churchill refused an interview to the Bristol and West of England Woman Suffrage Society on his visit to Bristol. We regard the favour or disfavour of these individual men as of no importance. The question of consequence is whether the pressure upon the Government—the political dynamic, as Mr. Herbert Gladstone once styled it—is yet sufficient to compel them to yield. Apparently it is not, therefore that pressure has to be further increased.

#### Legislation affecting Women.

Mr. Walter Runciman, M.P., president of the Board of Education, addressing a meeting of the Batley Women's Liberal Association on Monday last, said that the legislation of the Government during its four years of office had probably touched the interests of women on more points than it had touched the interests of men. What an admission from a man who is content to remain a member of a Government which refuses to accord women any voice in deciding or modifying legislation!

#### Liberal Support.

At a special meeting of the Manchester Liberal Federation the following resolution was carried by a large majority:—

That this meeting of the Council of the Manchester Liberal Federation, while regretting and condemning the policy of violence adopted by a section of the Suffragists, recognises the urgency of women's need for the Parliamentary vote, and desires to give all the assistance in its power to the promotion of a practical measure for their speedy enfranchisement.

The precise value of this resolution may be estimated from the fact that the following rider moved as an amendment was lost:—

And respectfully urges His Majesty's Government to include the measure in the programme on which they go to the country at the General Election.

Women Liberals have been jubilant over this "victory," but we would put to them two questions—Firstly, seeing that "speedy" is so remote as not to demand a pledge of action at the next General Election, how great postponement will they tolerate before being dissatisfied? Secondly, if the delay is past their tolerance, what action do they propose to take? For our own part, our patience was exhausted long ago, and the advice of Sir Henry Campbell Bannerman to "go on pestering people" is the only one which we think worth following. Some Liberal women we are glad to say are taking the same view. We note with satisfaction a speech made during the week by Mrs. John Mills, president of the Altrincham and Bowden Women's Liberal Association, in which she declared that she refused to be a "political squaw," and unless the enfranchisement of women were part of the election programme she and many others would strike and refuse to assist any Liberal candidate.

#### The Suffrage Prisoners.

We have reliable information that Miss Paul is being fed by force in Holloway Gaol, the statement appearing in the daily Press that she had abandoned the hunger strike being totally without foundation. No news whatever has reached us up to the present with regard to Miss Brown. The three women imprisoned in Strangeways Gaol, Manchester, Miss Catherine Tolson, Miss Liddle, and Miss Sheppard, will be released to-morrow (Saturday) morning. During their incarceration several protests have been made in the neighbourhood of the prison. The number of persons present one day last week was estimated by the *Manchester Guardian* to be between 9,000 and 10,000. A resolution of protest was moved by Councillor James Johnson, who said that as a J.P. he refused to uphold the action of his colleagues in turning the hose-pipe on Miss Davison. Miss Wentworth and Miss Allen are due to be released from Bristol Gaol on Friday next and Miss Lawes on the following day. Miss Paul and Miss Brown are in Holloway until December 9, Miss Garnett in Bristol till December 14, Miss Pitman in Bristol till January 16. Meanwhile, Miss Marsh still continues to serve her monstrous sentence of three months and to go through the terrible ordeal of forcible feeding.

#### An Unenviable Record.

We are indebted to the *Pall Mall Gazette* for reminding us that Winson Green Gaol, where Miss Marsh is at present being tortured, was the scene some fifty years ago of the atrocities which Charles Reade used with effect in his novel, "It is Never Too Late to Mend." One instance will suffice. A boy of fifteen, who had been sent to gaol for stealing beef, was put to

work at the crank, every turn of which was equal to lifting 20lb. He was required to make 2,000 revolutions before breakfast, 4,000 more before dinner, and another 4,000 before supper. Naturally, he failed to perform the difficult task. For shouting, he was put in a tight jacket and leather collar, and fastened to the wall for hours, being only able to move his feet. After a month of this kind of treatment he hanged himself, and the governor of the gaol in turn found himself in the dock, to be condemned to three months' imprisonment.

#### The Freedom of Edinburgh.

A protest was made by four suffrage societies—the Women's Social and Political Union, the National Union of Women Suffrage Societies, the Women's Freedom League, and the Edinburgh University Suffrage Society—against the proposal to confer the freedom of the City of Edinburgh on Mr. Asquith. Each society sent a deputation to the City Council. After some discussion the Council agreed to receive them. A speaker from each society accordingly addressed the Council, and the deputations then withdrew. The Council, however, paid no heed to their representations and decided to confer the Freedom of the City on the Premier.

#### Women's Voice Required.

A flagrant example of the present state of the law is revealed by a case heard at the assizes at Derby, where a man who admitted having ruined a young girl in his employ, who was in fact only fifteen years of age, succeeded in obtaining an acquittal in consequence of the evidence of himself and his wife that he had reason to believe that she was already sixteen. Such verdicts show the necessity of the women's point of view being taken into account in framing and administering the law.

#### Interesting Items.

The action which Mrs. Leigh is bringing against the authorities for forcible feeding is expected to be heard on Friday next, November 26; and the case involving the right of petition, in which Mrs. Pankhurst and ninety-three other women are concerned, is due to be heard on Monday, November 29. A full report of both of these will appear in the issue of *VOTES FOR WOMEN* published on December 3.

A vigorous by-election campaign is being undertaken by the Women's Social and Political Union at Portsmouth, where Miss Cameron is in charge, with Committee Rooms at 191, Commercial Street.

The matinee of the Actresses' and Writers' Franchise Leagues on Friday last at the Scala Theatre was a brilliant success. The theatre was crowded and the performance met with an enthusiastic reception. In particular the splendid pageant arranged by Miss Edith Craig came in for special appreciation.

We welcome the appearance of yet another new paper in the Suffrage interest, "The Conservative and Unionist Woman's Franchise Review," which is published quarterly, price 2d., the first number for November being just out.

Our readers will be glad to know that Mrs. Garrett Anderson has been re-elected as Mayor of Aldeburgh for another year.

A cogent letter has been sent to the papers by the women graduates of London University calling attention to the need of the extension of the franchise to women and the absurdity of excluding women graduates from this obvious right.

A stained-glass window is being erected in the Lady Chapel of the new Liverpool Cathedral, commemorating the famous deeds of great women. Among those included, according to the *Daily News*, are those of "Grace Darling and all courageous maidens"; "Elizabeth Barrett Browning and all who have seen the infinite in things"; "Josephine Butler and all brave champions of purity"; "Elizabeth Fry and all pitiful women"; and "Agnes Jones and all devoted nurses."

#### ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS.

*Why do the Suffragettes go on hunger strike when they are imprisoned for doing wilful damage? Are men not arrested and imprisoned in the Second and Third Divisions for the same offences?*

The hunger strike was originally adopted by Miss Wallace Dunlop as a protest against the treatment of the woman suffrage prisoners as ordinary criminals instead of as political. By a decision in a British Court of Justice (in *re Castioni*) it was decided that any offence (even murder itself) was political if committed with a political motive. Mr. Gladstone refused, however, to order that political treatment should be substituted for that which was being meted out to them and instead ordered the release of Miss Dunlop.

Suffragettes accordingly, seeing that Mr. Gladstone took this line, determined to carry out the hunger strike in future as a definite part of their revolt against the Government, placing before it four alternatives:—(1) To act justly and concede to women the parliamentary vote; (2) to release them from prison; (3) to allow them to die in prison; or (4) to commit an assault upon them by feeding them by force.

The hunger strike is the latest development of the policy of the militant movement, which from the outset has challenged the Government thus:—"You must do us justice or you must do us violence."

#### SELLING THE PAPER IN THE STREET.

Charing Cross pitch continues to do well, not only as regards the actual paper selling, but also as a means of advertising the cause and bringing many strangers into the movement. One seller was given a shilling extra for the paper by an American as an expression of his sympathy with the women who are fighting for freedom. Another seller was asked by a young man who bought a paper: "Are you a Suffragette? I never saw one before!" And away he went, promising to come to one of the meetings. Many of the public regard the Suffragette at Charing Cross not merely as a seller of papers, but also as a dispenser of all sorts of general and useful information. Another member had a talk with two young men who bought papers, and told her they had helped to break up the meeting at Blackheath the other day. She explained to them how much good their "rowdiness" had done in arousing the indignation of the thinking people among the audience, etc., and asked them to come to the public meetings on Monday or Thursday, which they said they would do. There is room for more sellers at Charing Cross pitch, especially on Mondays, and on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.

One who sells at the Piccadilly Circus pitch writes:—"Selling in the street is not so dreadful as it appears at first sight. After standing for some minutes, the butt for the ridicule of several ignorant passers-by, with the traffic whirling past close at one's heels, one's feelings are soothed by a sympathetic voice saying: 'Give me a paper, please. No, I'll take three. How brave of you to stand here! Are you not very cold?' Then one can answer, grateful for the sympathy: 'This is not to be compared with what our splendid women are doing in prison!' It is such satisfying work, too, as one sees so quickly part of the fruits of one's labours—I mean the ever-increasing pile of pennies. Only the other day, when I was standing at the corner of Shaftesbury Avenue, noting the wonderful contrast in expressions (which I think only a Suffragette can ever fully appreciate), the following incident occurred. For some few minutes I had noticed a poor old bent working woman standing looking intently at my pretty poster. Presently she stepped forward and silently handed me a penny and took her paper. I wondered how much that penny meant to her. Perhaps one meal less that day. 'I have worked since I was seven years old,' she said, 'and I am sixty-eight. I know how hard life is. God bless you ladies for all you are doing.' Selling the paper brings one into touch with all sorts and conditions of people, and it is well worth while, as one feels one is helping a little the cause we all have so much at heart."

One of the newest recruits at Putney is setting a splendid example. In the course of her business as interviewer she always carries a few copies of *VOTES FOR WOMEN* in her satchel, and almost invariably effects a sale before the interview ends. By this means she has brought the paper to the notice of many "home-keeping" women who would otherwise never have seen it, and on a second visit she has found that several have become regular subscribers.

Miss S. L. Stiell, with two friends, went into the High Street, Ramsgate, on Friday and Saturday, and sold fifty copies of *VOTES FOR WOMEN*. "Some people seemed afraid to buy; a few scoffed. There were the usual men exhorting us to go home and mind the baby, but many encouraged us, either by showing their pleasure at being able to secure a copy of the paper or by expressing their comprehension and appreciation of the real meaning of the woman's movement."

Another reader writes that she is ordering six dozen copies of the paper weekly, which she takes round in her governess cart and sells to people on the road and in the villages.

A correspondent in Manchester writes that *VOTES FOR WOMEN* in its new form is excellent, and she is doing all she can to push the sale. She has arranged for a poster to be displayed at the Central Station bookstall for one year.

A Ludgate Circus seller reports that a South African gentleman recently bought a copy of the paper and told her that he had never taken any interest in woman suffrage until his attention had been drawn to it by the forcible feeding. He then thought that if such things were possible something must be very wrong indeed, and that women needed the protection of the vote. He considered that the women prisoners here were treated worse than Kafir prisoners in his own country.

#### FREEDOM.

Irons on my wrists,  
Cold iron and strong;  
A smile on my lips,  
In my heart a song.

Alone in my cell,  
Dim, bare, and cold;  
Singing Freedom's chant,  
I am calm and bold.

The window is barred,  
The door locked fast;  
But my soul is strong  
And my faith will last.

Bars cannot stay,  
Nor cell confine;  
My spirit is free  
And the day is mine!

L. W.



# A LETTER FROM EDWARD (PAGE BOY) TO HIS AUNT MARIA.

By Ursula Keene.

DEAR AUNT MARIA,—I take up me pen to let you know this here place is a fizzer, and no mistake. Mister Evans, the butler, is a very decent old feller—a bit 'ard on us younger servants at times, which 'is nerves get hupset by the old man hupstairs, 'is temper bein' hawful and 'is language outrageous.

They 'ad the dooce of a row in the dining-room the night before larst at dinner.

Old man Sampson 'ad come in from the City in an 'orrid temper—lorst some money that day, I don't think!—and 'e was that short with Mrs. Sam, and that rude to Miss Coralie, that we all felt fair ashamed of 'im. And 'im callin' 'imself a man. Wants 'is 'ead smacked, 'e does.

Miss Coralie sat all this while as bland and absent-minded as a 'eathen god, and looked a fair pictur' in 'er virgin white, with blue beads round 'er slim neck. She's a fair novel in looks, she is, I can tell yer. But I could see old man Sampson givin' 'er sharp looks now and then in an irritated way.

As we took in the fish (which trout it was, and done to a turn, although I says it more from hobobservation than actual hegsperience, it never getting as far as the kitchen-maid and self after it returned from hupstairs)—as we took in the fish, Mr. Evans so far unbent as to remark to me:

"This 'ere is honly a skirmish, as you might say. We shall 'ave a general engagement before the roast"—(leg of lamb, peas done delicious, potatoes sauté, and mint sauce)—"You mark my words, Hedward."

'E was only too right in 'is prognostikations.

I thought the hatmosphere was a bit over-charged meself, and as I took the sauce to old man Sampson 'e exploded.

"Suffragettes!" 'e screams, delirious like. And I thought the drum of me ear 'ad gone to glory, for ever and ever, amen.

'Owever, I pulls meself together and 'ands the sauce to Miss Coralie.

"Shameless 'ussies, that's what they are. 'Ow wimin can so demean themselves passes my comprehension! What do wimin want with votes?" asks old man Sampson, contempt in every speakin' feature of 'is physiognomy. And 'e glares at Missis Sam till 'is eyes fair start out of 'is 'ead.

"I'm sure I don't know, dear," says Missis, soothing like.

(You can tell she's 'ad years of practice in managing of 'im. She alters 'er very voice for 'im. 'E might be a fractious baby, teething in convulsions, from 'er tone.)

"I'm sure I don't know, Lionel dear," says she.

"Nor anyone else," snaps 'e.

"Very few want it really," says Missis.

"It's a craving, an unelthy craving, for notoriety—that's what it is. All this chaining to grilles and a-standing on kitchen chairs at street corners with dog whips, in the rain."

All this time Miss Coralie sat as bland and unconcerned as you please, which didn't suit 'er loving pa's book at all, 'e 'aving started out to draw 'er. And not to succeed was gall and wormwood to 'is proud spirit.

"If I 'ad my way I'd whip 'em," he shouts, in crool accents.

"Ho no, you wouldn't, darling," ses 'is wife, "you're too kind 'arted." Which, if there's one thing 'e aint, kind 'arted is that.

"Pooh!" ses old man Sampson. But 'e was awful pleased, I could see, and 'e begins to purr like a cat.

"Well, I don't want to 'arm anyone," ses 'e. "Live and let live, say I." And Mr. Evans 'e nudges me, and we both breathe again—the squall 'aving blown hover, we thinks, in our short-sighted hignorance. "Yes, live an' let live say I," 'e continues; "but as for these fools screaming and pinching policemen, I've no patience with 'em. They want educating, that's what they want. All women are so ignorant and stupid, so easily taken in. Of course, they can't 'elp it, pore things. They 'avn't any brains, that's the root of it all. We pity them, and try to help them." And at this Miss Coralie gives a gentle sniff, and smiles pitiful at the clock.

"You don't agree with me," ses old Sam, turning on her like lightning, and Mr. Evans groans. Which he forgot where 'e was all of a sudden—and then turns it into a cough, but you could 'ear where it turned quite plain. "Oh Lord!" says 'e, under 'is breath at the sideboard, "we're in for it now."

And so we were.

Miss Coralie's sniff just maddened old man Sampson, and 'e let loose, a-shouting at the top of 'is naturally powerful horgan, and 'e ups and gives 'er 'is "views"! Which we 'ad all 'eard dozens of times, and mostly taken out of the public Press; 'e taking in four or five morning papers, including the *Daily Mail*, and three evening ones, and a-readin' steady from cover to cover, as one might say. Then he wound up after 'e'd almost given 'imself a apoplexy, 'e was that red and 'eated.

"I won't 'ave a daughter of mine a Suffragette, you 'ear, miss. Don't you dare to wear ribbons and walk in processions, or go to meetings. Home is the place for women—darning stockings and putting on buttons. Get a 'usband, miss, and 'e'll knock some of the nonsense out of you."

"There are not enough men to go round, papa," ses Miss Coralie, gravely. "Statistics say—"

"Damn statistics!" shouts old man Sampson. "You've 'ad an education and every advantage."

"Perhaps that's why I want a vote, dear papa," snips in Miss Coralie, quite calm and smiling, and took 'er noble parent's breath away for the moment—but not for long.

"Well, you won't get it," ses 'e, in bitter tones; "I'll see to that."

And 'e glares round the table to see the effect of these terrible words.

Miss Coralie giggles, and 'er ma smiles feebly.

"Proud words from a weak 'little Mary,'" says Miss Coralie, addressing no one in particular.

I thought old man Sampson would 'ave choked.

"Rot," ses 'e, when he got 'is breath at last. "Rot—you're talking rot, girl."

"And you're talking through your hat, dear papa," returns Miss Coralie, in what them stories call dulcet tones.

I thought I should 'ave bust. But leave the room I couldn't, not if you'd paid me a million a minute.

"Oh Coralie," ses Mrs. Sam, in tones of 'orror, "where do you learn these dreadful expressions?"

No one 'eeded 'er, poor soul.

Miss Coralie and 'er father were enjoying of their fight too much.

"It's force rules the world," ses 'e. "Where should we be without an army or a navy?" says 'e. "You'd look silly with your votes if you 'adn't us brave men to fight for 'ome and England."

"Wot's behind the army?" asks Miss Coralie, innocent like.

"The will of the people," ses 'e, very grand and careless, "and force—force, and yet again force," 'e shouts, loud and clear.

"And wot's behind force, dear papa?" coos Miss Coralie.

Old Sampson began to see she was gettin' at 'im.

"What do you mean?" he blustered.

"The girl's a fool—can't see the very nose on 'er face. Force, I tell you, miss, is at the back of everything. What makes armies? Force. What makes strikes? Force. What makes people—?"

"Organisation," chips in Miss Coralie, and smiles at him very sweet.

"And what makes organisation?" asks Miss Coralie, in 'er turn. "Why brain, dear papa. And I'll ask you one more question, dear papa," ses she, before he can chip in again. "What makes an army fight?"

"Why, the generals, to be sure," says old man Sampson, snappily.

"Then, dear papa, you must own brain is behind force—and above and beyond mere physical force," returns Miss Coralie. "And the farther we get from the animals the more brain rules. If it were mere brute force that governed the world we should be no better than the beasts that perish—an elephant might conceivably rule us." And though her pa blustered and roared, 'e 'ad to hadmit there was something in wot she said.

So, as usual, 'e changed 'is tactics hemmediate, and went for 'er about her being undaughterly, and 'e didn't know wot we were coming to.

"Why, flying machines, of course," says Miss Coralie, and relapses into 'er usual bland and absent-minded 'eathen god air. And, talk as much as 'e would, 'e couldn't get nothing out of 'er for the rest of the evening.

But the next day we 'ad one of them 'ere "hanti" females a callin' with a petition.

As it 'appened, I hopened the door to 'er.

She was a large, fair female, with a gold wig and a sable cloak, and very condescendin' in her manner.

"Is Mrs. Sampson in?" says she, in 'igh-pitched accents.

"No, ma'am," says I, prompt, not knowing 'er at all. She wasn't no regular 'abitual of the 'ouse, I could 'a taken my hoath. And Mr. Evans 'as told me not to let in total strangers without referring to 'im.

"Oh, well, it doesn't matter at all," says she, smilin' affable. "Perhaps you can tell me whether Mrs. Sampson is interested in the 'hanti-Suffrage' campaign?"

"I don't think she 'as no politics, ma'am," says I.

"Ho!" says she, a-snorting, "this is not politics—you make a very great mistake if you think this is. No, wot we want to prevent is woman's entry into that perplexed harena. Her duties lie in quite opposite directions. Her spear is a much nobler one—"

"I know," ses I, "darning stockings and mindin' kids. The governor was a-speakin' about it last night. 'E 'olds them views precisely. 'E ses all the men must 'old together or the country will go to the dogs."

"Ah! but the women must stand shoulder to shoulder with the men too," says she, very eager.

"But wot's the good of women hinterfering in politics?" ses I. "If the country's got to go to the dogs, per'aps it 'ad better go to the dogs without any 'elp from them."

Which made my lady quite red and 'ot.

"But that's just it," says she, "we women don't want to interfere in politics. We only want to use legitimate

means to get our men into Parliament for the good of the country."

"Such as canvassin'?" says I.

"Yes," says she, a-fallin' into the trap.

"But isn't that meddlin' in politics?" says I.

"Not at all," says she. "No man can get into Parliament without the 'elp of 'is women folk."

"So," says I, "the hantis don't want women to use their political knowledge and services to gain themselves votes to 'elp themselves with, but only to work for the men as 'll make plenty of promises during election times, and break 'em at their leisure after, ma'am?"

This hinnocent hobobservation of mine put 'er in quite a passion.

"You're hinsolent!" says she, a-frownin' 'orrible. "Kindly give this paper to Mrs. Sampson. It will be called for in a few days. It can be signed by everybody in the 'ouse that sympathises with us."

And with that she flounces off, and I shut the door on 'er.

In the 'all, who should I run up against but Miss Coralie!

"Wot's that you've got there, Hedward?" says she. "An 'hanti' petition, miss," says I.

"Ho!" says she. "Let's 'ave a look at it."

And so I 'ands it to 'er. Miss Coralie reads it through a-giggle to 'erself quiet.

"What awful rot," says she.

"I agree with you, miss," ses I.

"Then you're not an 'hanti,' Hedward?" she asks.

"Not much, miss. I'm all for progress, I ham," ses I. "The 'hantis' are mostly elderly females. All the young ones is Suffragettes, and they talks beautiful."

"'Ave you been to hany meetings?" asks Miss Coralie.

"Rather," ses I; "And they knows 'ow to get round us men proper."

With that Miss Coralie bursts out laughing and 'ands me back the paper.

"I suppose mother'll 'ave to see this," she says, thoughtful like. "The worst of it is she's sure to sign it. Hedward," ses she, in firm and 'ollow tones, "it's a great cause. Let's lose this paper till it's called for."

"Halright, miss, I'm your man," ses I. "It's a pity that more people should sign this 'ere nonsense than wot can be 'elped. I'll see to it."

"Very well," ses Miss Coralie, "I rely on you. And mind, no one is to sign in this house."

So we 'id the paper in a drawer. Which we decided all's fair in war, and I gave it back myself later to the "hanti" female wot called for it.

And so no more at present from,

Your affekshunate nephew,

HEDWARD.

## MOLESKIN STOLE & MUFF

(as sketch),

made from  
fine English  
skins, Stole  
80 ins. long,  
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## GREAT PROTEST AT BRISTOL, NOVEMBER 13.

Mr. Churchill Confronted by Miss Garnett: Five Women sent to Prison.

Bristol has spoken on the question of Votes for Women, and with no uncertain voice; she has joined the chorus with London, Birmingham, Newcastle, Manchester, Dundee, Sheffield, and many other important towns in demanding from a Liberal Government that it shall live up to its principles. Bristol has added her protest against the exclusion of women from public meetings where the system of taxation is discussed by representatives of the Government. Bristol has expressed her indignation at the shameful torturing of political prisoners in English prisons.

### How the Women protested.

The first protest occurred on the eve of Colston Day; this took the form of stone-throwing. Despite elaborate precautions, the windows of the Liberal Club were broken by Miss Wentworth at 9 p.m. She managed to send in four "messages" to Liberal men by means of flints, which seem to be the only arguments they can understand. On one of them was the inscription, "A protest against inviting Cabinet Ministers to Bristol while women are being forcibly fed in English prisons"; and another, a fossil, bore the words, "Women send a fossil to remind Liberal statesmen that they are fossilising and out of touch with present conditions and surroundings." Simultaneously with this action three windows of the General Post Office were broken by Nurse Pitman, of Bristol, £15 worth of damage being done. She was cheered by the man in the street as she was led away by the constable.



Miss Theresa Garnett.

Meanwhile the city was swarming with thousands of police and detectives, and all night long they were kept on the alert against further surprises on the part of the Suffragettes. But Suffragettes never do what is expected of them, as the police have learned by experience.

On Saturday morning came the next protest; this was from Miss Mary Allen. She heard that Mr. Churchill, who had refused to receive a deputation of the good and quiet Suffragists, was to receive a deputation of pilots, and she sent a "message" through the windows of the Inland Revenue office. The message ran: "A protest against a Government which receives deputations from men and refuses to hear the grievances of women."

The public of Bristol had been invited to come out and back up the women in their protest against tyranny, and thousands of handbills had been issued detailing the acts that men had committed in order to gain the franchise in 1831, when property to the amount of £100,000 was destroyed. They responded splendidly to the women's invitation, and one local paper estimated the support at 30,000 men and women. One man was heard to remark in the crowd, "If the Suffragettes have done nothing else they are at any rate responsible for this crowd." On the handbill also was the statement made by Mr. Lloyd George:—"To protest against injustice is the only way of keeping the soul undefiled."

Meanwhile Miss Garnett had determined to take vigorous action, and to humiliate Mr. Winston Churchill on his arrival by the G.W.R. Though the magistrate subsequently in court said it was a hysterical act, it was a piece of cool daring such as has not often been witnessed.

Although hemmed in by detectives ("nearly the whole of the Bristol force," says one paper), who made a semicircle round the Minister, Miss Garnett rushed right through them with her riding-switch concealed up the sleeve of her coat. Mr. Churchill alone saw her coming, and stood fascinated and petrified; he raised his arm as she ap-

proached and thus broke the force of the first blow; she, however, got in a second and a third, saying, "Take that, in the name of the insulted women of England." He grappled with her, and a looker-on wrested the switch from her hand and gave it to Mr. Churchill, who put it in his pocket. He was deadly pale, either from fear or passion, but tried to make light of the incident, saying, "It's all right; it's all right." This was Bristol's welcome to a statesman who has dishonoured British statesmanship by his dishonest conduct to the women of Great Britain. Miss Garnett was arrested on a charge of assaulting Mr. Churchill on the head with a whip. In reply, she said, "Has it hurt him much?"

The Bristol public had scarcely recovered from the shock of the news of Winston Churchill's whipping when again came the cry that another woman—Miss Jessie Lawes—had shown her sense of indignation at the Government by sending two stones at the glass entrance of the Colston Hall. This was done from the top of a tramcar, and required great coolness and courage. As the first two stones she threw fell into the plants without making any noise, and no one on the car was aware of the action, Miss Lawes calmly resumed her seat and went home for two more stones. These were more successful. The car was held up by the police much to the amazement of driver and conductor, the car was boarded by a dozen of them, and Miss Lawes was taken off to the police station, being cheered by sympathising men on the way.

### At the Police Court.

On Monday Miss Garnett was charged with unlawfully disturbing the peace of the city in a public place, the charge of assaulting Mr. Churchill being withdrawn, evidently with the object of avoiding the appearance of Mr. Churchill. Mr. Tuckett (counsel for the defendant) pointed out the evasion involved in altering the charge from the original one of assaulting Mr. Winston Churchill, and asked for an adjournment. This was refused. Police evidence having been taken, Mr. Duval (London) for the defence, said he saw Miss Garnett suddenly rush forward and strike at Mr. Churchill two or three times. The remark she made was "Take that, take that, from the women of England." He was about two or three yards away. There was not the slightest commotion. The whole thing happened with such rapidity that many people on the platform must not have known anything about it.

Miss Garnett made a statement to the magistrate, in which she said that she did not wish to injure Mr. Churchill, but she had determined to avenge the insult to her countrywomen done by the Government to which Mr. Winston Churchill belonged. She pointed out that the refusal to give women the right to elect the men who taxed and made laws for them was an insult. The Government had refused to treat women as human beings; coercion was used against them; they had been ruthlessly flung out of meetings and assaulted, as in the case of Charlotte Marsh. Punishment for the magistrates who assaulted Miss Davison with a hosepipe at Manchester had been refused. Because of all this, she had given Mr. Churchill the punishment he deserved as the representative of a cowardly Government. Whenever an individual woman was insulted people said the man who insulted her ought to be horsewhipped. In the opinion of women, people who insulted the whole womanhood of the country deserved to be horsewhipped even more. She was proud to be the woman who had had the great privilege of resenting the intolerable wrongs and injustice done to women by Liberal politicians, who were hypocritically denouncing the House of Lords while keeping their countrywomen in political subjection.

The trial, if it can be given that name, was the grossest miscarriage of justice imaginable, and a disgrace to the Bristol Bench. There is no doubt that the sentence was fixed before the evidence was heard, for the magistrates took no notice whatever of the evidence of witnesses called for the defence. At the outset it was evident that a shady trick was to be played, for the charge of assaulting Mr. Churchill was ignored, and the second charge—that of disturbance of the peace—was trumped up, and was not made known to Miss Garnett until two minutes before the sitting of the court. Although her counsel asked for an adjournment, as the charge was altered, and neither he nor Miss Garnett was prepared for this charge, it was not allowed. The prosecution

convinced no one in the court that a breach of the peace had been made. The utmost proof was that "some ladies were alarmed," while a witness for the defence stated that no disturbance of any account was caused, the whole incident only taking two minutes, and probably no more than a score of people on the platform being cognisant of the affair. However, the chairman of the Bench (Mr. Geo. E. Davies), supported by four "Liberal" magistrates, utterly ignored this evidence, and sentenced Miss Garnett, without allowing her any chance of calling further witnesses, to one month's imprisonment, as she refused to be bound over. The counsel (Mr. Tuckett) pointed out that as Mr. Churchill, who was the only sufferer, brought no charge, the case should be dismissed, but the cowardice and prejudice with which the case was conducted were so evident that the mock trial became a positive farce.

The utter powerlessness of women to obtain justice in the police and law courts, so long as they have no voice in the making or the administering of the law, should convince every woman of the vital need of gaining the vote, since without it she is at the mercy of the political and sex prejudices of magistrates who are tools of the Government in power.

### Four Further Arrests.

Nurse Pitman, Miss Vera Wentworth, and Miss Mary Allen appeared at the police court on Saturday, charged with damaging public buildings. Nurse Pitman was committed for trial at the Assizes, where on Wednesday she was sentenced to two months' hard labour. Miss Wentworth and Miss Allen went to prison for fourteen days in the second division. All the women explained that their motive was political. On Monday Miss Jessie Lawes, of Reading, was sentenced to fourteen days in the second division. All the women have entered upon a hunger strike.

### Men Sympathisers

As Mr. Churchill travelled to Bristol a man entered his compartment, and suggested that if he would introduce votes for women in his speech that evening it would prevent opposition. Mr. Churchill was evidently irritated at the idea of there being any opposition, and refusing to accede to the request, left the compartment.

Colston Hall was protected by men described by the *Bristol Evening Times* as "big hulking fellows" whom it contrasts with the "delicate and refined ladies with whom they were expected to have dealings," but as a matter of fact all the interruptions came from the men in the audience.

Mr. Churchill was subjected to severe heckling upon rising to speak. A man asked why the Liberal Government did not give Votes to Women. The stewards promptly ejected him, and the speaker went on to remark on the hard work done by the Liberal Government during the last six months. "They have tortured female political offenders during the past six months," exclaimed a man on the platform. "Why does not the Liberal Government put its principles into practice?" The stewards pounced upon him, and created a terrific disturbance, chairs being sent flying in all directions, while they beat their victim unmercifully. The timely interference on the part of two police inspectors saved him from being seriously injured. Other men, notably one who asked why Charlotte Marsh was detained as a common criminal, were thrown out with great violence.

In opening his speech at the dinner of the Anchor Society, Mr. Churchill remarked that they would have to cope with the House of Lords and with the ladies. At the evening meeting Mr. Churchill said, "If the nation does not sustain us effectively, let others take up the burden, let them face the difficulties, let them bear the yoke, let them endure the Suffragettes." (Loud laughter, and a voice, "And the whip.")

### PRESS COMMENTS.

Whipping Winston: Suffragette attacks Mr. Churchill: Slashed with dog-whip: Extraordinary scene at Temple Meads: Minister disarms assailant: Says he is not injured: Suffragettes' war.

Several police officers of more than twenty years' experience stated that they had never seen so large a crowd in Bristol. Certainly, nothing like it has been seen for many years.

The assault on Mr. Churchill created a considerable sensation, not only in Bristol, but throughout the country. In London the evening papers had bill out displaying the words, "Winston Churchill flogged in Bristol."

Colston Day, 1909, will stand out in history as a day of stirring events and sensations.

The event most talked about, in Bristol and elsewhere, was the assault upon the President of the Board of Trade.

—*Bristol Mercury*.

The adventures of Mr. Winston Churchill in his struggle with Miss Theresa Garnett have at least redeemed his Bristol visit from the commonplace level which was expected from it, and which would otherwise have been maintained. Of course, every right-thinking person condemns the violent methods of the Suffragette, and none will be sorry when she receives the punishment that is certain to follow, and that will be suffered gladly in something of the spirit of martyrdom, since she and her companions at any rate merit the credit which cannot be accorded Ministers of taking the consequences of their acts without whimpering. The Suffragettes' claim for the franchise is recognised by the great bulk of the Radical party, even by its representatives in Parliament, but they receive nothing save the pie-crust promises which no one will accept nowadays. What wonder, then, with the Radical record before them, that they have recourse to violence, though that, by the way, has not reached anything like the pitch attained when men were pressing the same claim and contending for the same principle of the correlation of taxation and representation.

—*Manchester Courier*.

## MR. LLOYD GEORGE AT THE SAVOY THEATRE.

Now that Cabinet Ministers, who are supposed to represent the opinion of the country and to give ear to the demands of the people, are hedged about by detectives wherever they go, the cry of the woman who wants justice has to be made wherever and whenever it is likely to reach their ear. Thus it was that on Thursday evening last week Mr. Lloyd George, who was present at the performance of "The Mountaineers" at the Savoy Theatre, was again reminded of his failure of duty. Women in the stalls and in the dress circle cried out to him for justice, and reminded him of the torture of their comrades in prison, and not only Mr. Lloyd George but the whole audience had an opportunity of learning how much in earnest the women are, and how determined they are to go on with the struggle.

### An Impression.

A lady who was in the stalls gives the following impression of the scene:—"The house was crowded with gaily-dressed people, listening to the music and enjoying the performance. Mr. Workman was singing the second verse of a song referring to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and the interest of all those present was heightened by the knowledge that the Chancellor himself was occupying one of the boxes. Suddenly something happened! A thrill of expectancy and consternation ran through the whole audience as the voice of a woman was heard above the music. All eyes were turned to the dress circle, where four women in evening dress were standing, their figures turned towards the box where sat the Liberal Cabinet Minister. 'Mr. Lloyd George,' they chanted in unison, 'women are being tortured in prison.' The words could be heard distinctly, and we all wondered what was to follow. 'Mr. Lloyd George,' chanted the voices again, 'taxation without representation is tyranny'; and again, 'Mr. Lloyd George, hear the women's cry.' By this time all eyes were turned away from the stage towards the women or towards Mr. Lloyd George, who sat with his face covered with his hands. Then some men in evening dress threw themselves upon the women. I saw one woman knocked to the ground and another held by the throat, while a man placed his hand over her mouth and nose. I saw another woman rush to the rescue, for her comrade was being strangled, while yet another held fast to the rail in front. Although she, too, was being choked by a hand over her mouth, yet every now and then as she struggled free one heard her war cry 'Votes for Women.' Then the officials of the theatre got to the spot, and, rescuing the women from the ungentle hands of these gentlemen, escorted them out of the theatre. But the spell of the music and the enjoyment of the evening was broken. Few people, I believe, in the theatre could throw off the impression of that painful scene."

That was not all, however. In the interval between the acts, two women in the stalls rose, and one of them holding up the medical



appliances used in forcible feeding, said, "Mr. Lloyd George, these are the instruments used at the present time on women political prisoners. Why are you protected wherever you go by detectives and police? We do not want to kill you; we only want justice." Somebody put a hand over the speaker's mouth, at which her companion cried, "We are taxed, Mr. Lloyd George, but we are not represented." She too was seized, and someone called for cheers for Mr. Lloyd George, but these were not taken up. The theatre officials then came to the rescue, and escorted the two ladies to the hall, where as the were waiting for their wraps they quiet explained the reason of their protest to a large group of interested and sympathetic men, who had followed them from the stalls. The ladies also explained their motives to the management. The general impression in the theatre seemed to be that such a scene was inevitable. The people had learned that where a Cabinet Minister was, there would always be found the women with their cries for justice. There was a good deal of clapping and cheering, and very little unfriendly feeling. The *Times* admits that the women "appeared to be gentle and refined, and to have little liking for their self-imposed task."

Miss Christabel Pankhurst, on the following day, wrote to Mr. Workman explaining the action taken at the theatre. Miss Pankhurst explained that it was with great regret that the women felt compelled to interrupt the course of a delightful performance, but duty had to come first, and a Cabinet Minister was present. It was the policy of the W.S.P.U. constantly to remind Cabinet Ministers of the urgency of the demand that women taxpayers shall have the vote; nevertheless, this action would not be taken at any place of entertainment but for the fact that Mr. Lloyd George and other members of the Government have refused to meet the women face to face at public meetings. The women looked forward to revisiting the Savoy under happier conditions.

There is no limit to the resource and versatility of the Suffragettes. Mr. Lloyd George blushed, but whether with fear, indignation, or embarrassment it is impossible to say. —*Evening News*.

#### PROTEST AT AUCHTERARDER.

Mr. Haldane was announced to take the chair at a concert at Auchterarder on Monday (Nov. 15), but, as events proved, although Mr. Haldane was present, public attention was riveted neither on the Minister for War nor on the concert, but on the Suffragettes. Immediately Mr. Haldane began his introductory remarks there was an interruption, and amid considerable excitement a woman was removed from the hall. Mr. Haldane, making no attempt to continue his speech, contented himself with calling upon the performers to begin the concert. About three-quarters of the programme had been gone through, when a clergyman rose and announced that as Mr. Haldane was obliged to catch a train at 10 o'clock he would leave before the end of the concert. Mr. Haldane rose to reply, and said, "We have had one unexpected item on the programme—a Suffragette—and hope we shall have no encore." An encore was, however, immediately given, and with such calmness and determination that the process of ejection took over ten minutes. The lady clung to every bench in turn, and by the time the door was reached she had won much sympathy, a man who had hit her in the face being at once knocked down by another, who said, "Don't dare to touch her again, you brute." When the doors were opened, the crowd outside, rushing through, pushed her back into the hall three times, and when she was finally ejected by the police, she was received by a cheering crowd. When the audience again remembered the concert and Mr. Haldane, it was to find that the Minister was preparing to leave. This he did by a side door, and not in his own motor-car, but by one in the back-yard of a hotel.

The Suffragettes, who held a meeting outside the hall, had a sympathetic reception, and were cheered by the crowd.

#### CHARWOMEN WITH TICKETS!

Needless to say, no "outrage" was contemplated by the Suffragettes on the occasion of King Manoel's visit to the Guildhall; and it is amusing to learn from the *Evening News* that the Corporation was determined to checkmate any Suffragettes.

Not only will there be made a far more thorough search than is customary of each room adjacent to the hall, but the Keeper has received special instructions to admit to the building no person "other than invited

guests, officers, and the others engaged at the function."

Workmen and charwomen—it will be remembered that it was under the latter guise that the two offenders last week gained an entrance to the Guildhall—will be admitted at the Basinghall Street entrance only.

Each will receive a pass ticket, which must be shown at any time during the day if asked for, and will be given up when the holder leaves the building.

We learn from the daily press that extraordinary precautions to prevent the appearance of the militant suffragists in the Court of the Lord Chief Justice of England were taken last Friday. The occasion was the ancient ceremony of nominating the sheriffs, over which Mr. Lloyd George, as Chancellor of the Exchequer, presided. "To prevent any interruption of the proceedings by the militant suffragettes," says the *Evening News*, "the public gallery was locked by order of the Lord Chief Justice." Credentials of visitors were carefully examined, and even counsel in wig and gown were unable to introduce lady friends without a special order. Some women who were suspected of suffragette sympathies were refused admission, and a number of police officers in plain clothes were scattered about the crowded court.

The one bright spot in this sort of warfare, when statesmen are hedged about with more police than an Emperor, is that it reduces the average Cabinet Minister's cacophony loquendi considerably.

—*Liverpool Daily Courier*.

Great precautions were taken at Dr. Macnamara's meeting in Nottingham to prevent Suffragette disturbances, and the full staff of police were on duty with orders to arrest the women before the meeting commenced. It is strange the local authorities should not know who is a Cabinet Minister and who is not!

#### DEPUTATION TO EARL CREWE.

A reply, which he himself described as "cold comfort," was made last week by Lord Crewe to a deputation of the Forward Suffrage Union (of the Women's Liberal Deputation), which waited upon him. Lady Grove led the deputation, and spoke of the dissatisfaction which was largely increasing among the Liberal women of the country. Mrs. Bertrand Russell stated that Liberal agents complained that the women did not help them properly, and it was almost always because they were not encouraged to take up the suffrage question. It was the women who were keen about suffrage who were the best workers. She asked for a "sort of promise that a Reform Bill will be brought in after a new Parliament is elected." Mrs. Corbett stated that Liberal women would not give their help until they had "some faint hope of getting what they wanted."

Lord Crewe in reply stated that he was not violently opposed to the suffrage, but considered that granting it would not have a very marked effect upon politics. He did not think it was possible to make it a definite issue at the next General Election, as there was so much diversity of opinion, both in the Cabinet and in the Liberal Party in general. He admitted that it was hard for the women Liberals of the country to find that this question, most important to them, was set aside by the Liberal Government, and he advised them, if the question was of paramount importance to them, to work only for the conversion of women. He hinted at a way out of the difficulty, but would enter into no details, and he concluded by saying that there was no chance of the question being made a plank in the Government's programme at the General Election.

The concession is not one which can be made or rejected on considerations of party profit. It is a concession which must be given or denied on the ground of justice. And on that ground, we hold, the demand is irresistible. The claim of the women to equal rights of citizenship is unchallenged. They share all the common burdens of citizenship, they are subject to the law which they have no part in making, to the taxation which they have no share in levying, to all the disabilities and restraints which society imposes for the general interest. It is true that they do not bear arms; but they bear all the chief burden of war. They have its sorrows and anguish without its thrill and glory. Against all this, what argument is there to justify the denial of the vote? To ask the question is to answer it.

—*Daily News*.

Lord Crewe, it is clear, had nothing to say that was favourable or otherwise, and he said it very well. Like the conjurer, he made passes and flourishes over a silver dish, but when he took the lid up there was nothing there. —*Pall Mall Gazette*.

#### ACTRESSES' AND WRITERS' SUFFRAGE MATINEE.

"The finest practical piece of political propaganda," was Miss Ellen Terry's opinion of the splendid women's pageant which formed the great feature of the matinee given at the Scala Theatre last Friday afternoon. In this



(By courtesy of the "Daily Mirror.")

MISS ELLEN TERRY AS NANCE OLDFIELD.

performance, Woman, longing to be free, pleads with a beautiful figure of Justice for liberty, social and political, while Prejudice in the form of a man argues against her. To confute his foolish objections, she calls upon women famous in learning, art, religion, war, and upon those who have done brave deeds and ruled wisely over great countries. One by one these women come forward, and at the end Prejudice, having nothing more to say, slinks away.

It is impossible to describe in detail the beautiful costumes of the various characters. A special welcome, of course, was given to Miss Ellen Terry as Nance Oldfield, to Miss Marion Terry as Florence Nightingale, and to Miss Edith Craig, who represented Rosa Bonheur, and to whom the arrangement of the pageant was due. At the end, Woman, who had gained her freedom says to her equal—man:—

"I have no quarrel with you, but I stand for the clear right to hold my life my own, and mould it as I will, not as you will. . . . To make of it a thing of brain, of blood, of tangible substance. . . . The world is mine, as yours. Myself am answerable to my own soul."

The fine words of the pageant were written by Miss Cicely Hamilton. The matinee, which was given jointly by the Actresses' Franchise League and the Women Writers' Suffrage League, was a magnificent success from start to finish.

The pageant was preceded by an excellent variety entertainment, by a prologue written by Mr. Laurence Housman, and by three plays. "The Pot and the Kettle," by Cicely Hamilton and Christopher St. John, was a most amusing and racy sketch of the sequel to an Anti-Suffrage meeting. "The Outcast," by Beatrice Harraden and Bessie Hatton, was a beautiful piece of workmanship, splendidly acted, based on a pathetic if rather improbable little incident. A special word must be said for "Master," by Miss Gertrude Mouillot, which for depth of feeling, artistic ability, and subtle character-drawing, is one

of the cleverest plays that has been written during the last few years. The whole tragedy of a quiet life is there: a working woman with a well-meaning but shiftless husband has worked so hard to keep the home together that her son is born feeble. Her invention of a patent shuttle gives them a little more wealth, and her daughter is born strong and healthy. Still the wife works to keep the home, while the husband waits for "something to turn up," and spends money on drink and betting. The daughter realises suddenly how her mother's patience and industry have helped to ruin the husband's character, and calls on her to join the women's movement, and help to alter the unjust condition of things. The play and the acting were both brilliant, and it is to be hoped that it will soon be produced for the general public.

Of the performance the *Times* says:—"But the unique interest of the performance lay not in any of these, but in those separate parts of it which gave the idealistic view of the cause of woman suffrage." Apparently the whole of the large audience were in enthusiastic sympathy with the movement. But even its opponents must have been struck by the intense earnestness and the absolute good taste with which those ideals were presented. . . . No one seemed to be tired by the length of the performance. Even for those who do not believe in the wisdom of the cause it was an afternoon to be remembered.

#### MILITANT SUFFRAGE ON THE STAGE.

"Might is Right," by Miss Netta Syrett, is the new little curtain-raiser about woman suffrage now being played at the Haymarket Theatre. Of the play itself it suffices to say that it is bright and interesting, and evokes a good deal of laughter. In accordance with modern stage tradition it deals with the subject from a humorous aspect, it has a "love interest," and contains several not unkindly caricatures. The chief point of interest, however, is the fact that a play dealing with very militant suffragettes (they even kidnap the Prime Minister!) should be played nightly at an important London theatre. This is one of many signs of the prominent place which the militant suffrage movement holds in the public mind at the present time. The motto "Votes for Women" adorns the wall of the room in which the play is acted; purple, white, and green flags are in evidence; the women's Marseillaise is played during the piece, and it ends with the war cry, shouted by all the players, of "Votes for Women." So that, although written farcically to please the public, it cannot do other than good to the suffrage cause.



(By courtesy of the "Daily Mirror.")

MISS MARION TERRY AS FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE.



### W.S.P.U. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

After a month's imprisonment as a result of their courageous protest when Mr. Runciman visited Radcliffe on October 20, Miss Catherine Tolson, Miss Liddle, and Miss Sheppard will be released to-morrow from Strangeways Gaol, Manchester. Miss Vera Wentworth and Miss Mary Allen will be released from Horfield Prison, Bristol, next Friday, November 26, and Miss Jessie Lawes will be released on Saturday, November 27, after fourteen days' imprisonment in connection with Mr. Winston Churchill's visit to Bristol.

#### Free Meetings in London.

Week by week the popularity of the two free weekly meetings in London is growing, and especially noticeable is the increasing number of men who attend them regularly. At these meetings (Mondays, Queen's Hall, Langham Place, 3 to 5; Thursdays, St. James's Hall, Great Portland Street, 8 to 10) the point of view of the W.S.P.U. on current political events as they affect woman suffrage is explained. Admission is free, and strangers as well as members are invited to be present. Next week the speakers will be, on Monday, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Miss Christabel Pankhurst, and Miss Annie Kenney (from the scene of the Bristol Protest); and, on Thursday, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Miss Christabel Pankhurst, and the Rev. G. E. Startup.

#### Legal Action.

Mrs. Leigh's action to recover damages for assault against the Home Secretary and the Governor and Medical Officer of Winson Green Gaol will come on for trial on the 26th of this month provided a judge is available. The special case relating to the Right of Petition, cited as Mrs. Pankhurst and the Hon. Mrs. Haverfield against Jarvis, will be heard in the King's Bench Division on November 29.

#### Mrs. Leigh's Welcome.

London members and friends have been anxiously awaiting an opportunity of giving a public welcome to Mrs. Leigh, and they will be glad to know that provided her case is concluded by the end of this month she will be present at the two London meetings on December 2 (St. James's Hall, 8 p.m.) and December 6 (Queen's Hall, 3 p.m.), when a public welcome will take place.

#### The By-Election.

Workers are needed to take part in the by-election now in progress at Portsmouth, and they are invited to communicate with Miss Christabel Pankhurst at 4, Clements Inn, W.C., without delay. Further details will be found on page 122. It is possible that a by-election will also take place at Uxbridge; if so, workers will be needed there too.

#### Protest Meetings.

To-night Lady Constance Lytton, Miss Mary Gawthorpe, Miss Davison, Miss Rona Robinson, and Mr. Pethick Lawrence are speaking in the Free Trade Hall, Manchester. Miss Christabel Pankhurst will speak at Derby to-night, at Portsmouth Town Hall to-morrow at 3 p.m., at Brighton next Monday, and at Colston Hall, Bristol, on Wednesday. Mrs. Pethick Lawrence is speaking at Nottingham to-night. For details of time and places of these and other meetings, organised to protest against the Government's treatment of women suffragists in prison, see "Programme of Events."

#### Mrs. Pankhurst at the Albert Hall.

December 9—the date of the great welcome meeting at the Albert Hall—is drawing near, and those who wish for the opportunity of hearing Mrs. Pankhurst for the first time after her return from the United States should secure tickets without delay. An additional interest attaches to the meeting since on that occasion all the women who have endured the ordeal of forcible feeding will be presented by her with the special medal "For Valour." Prices are as follows: Stalls 3s., arena 2s. 6d., balcony 1s., upper orchestra 6d., and boxes at various prices. Stalls, boxes, and arena will be for both men and women; other parts of the house are reserved for women only. All seats are numbered except those in the upper orchestra. Application should be made to Miss Cooke, Ticket Secretary, W.S.P.U., 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

Mrs. Pankhurst will also be welcomed at three great public meetings in the Midlands—namely, at Birmingham on December 14; Leamington, December 15; Coventry, December 16. Tickets can be had from Miss Gladice Keevil, 33, Paradise Street, Birmingham.

#### Christmas Presents.

We are unable to furnish full particulars yet with regard to the various gifts suitable for Christmas presents which will be obtainable from The Woman's Press. They will include, however, Christmas cards at various prices, calendars, crackers, etc. Further details will be found on page 123. Members are reminded that a year's subscription to *VOTES FOR WOMEN*, or the bound volume, 1908-9, price 10s. 6d., are two of the best forms that Christmas gifts can take.

### BOOK OF THE WEEK.

#### For Freedom's Sake.

"It seems to me that those who dare to rebel in every age are they who make life possible for those whom temperament compels to submit. It is the rebels who extend the boundary of right little by little, narrowing the confines of wrong and crowding it out of existence."

These are the forewords that preface the remarkable collection of stories gathered together in one book, under the title "Heroes and Heroines of Russia."

There are twenty-two chapters, each one devoted to a complete story of the fate of some great leader of revolt against tyranny and public wrong, and the history of these men and women is the history of the Russian Revolution from the beginning of the nineteenth century until the present day. Every life is an epic. Imagination seems to fail in the presence of such extraordinary ascendancy of human will. Are these men and women human, or are they the realisation of Nietzsche's "Superman"?

As in every revolution which the world has known, we find in Russia women taking the front line of danger and exposing themselves to the full brunt of the vengeance of war.

It is not easy to choose from these pages the most thrilling story or the noblest human type. But the readers of this paper will, perhaps, turn with special interest, as I did, to Chapter VI., entitled "For Knowledge and Freedom's Sake: The True Story of a Nihilistic Marriage." For there we find a description of "The New Woman of Russia"—the Awakened Woman—and we trace the causes and reasons of her awakening.

Nihilism in those days which followed the emancipation of the serfs in 1861 originated, not as a political creed of terror, but as a social creed of love.

The masses of the people were almost absolutely illiterate, few elementary schools existed, and a noble consciousness ripened in the hearts of the rising generation, both among the aristocracy and the middle classes, as to their supreme duty towards their disinherited brethren, so long kept in ignorance and darkness. But to teach and be helpful to others one must first of all learn oneself. This became the battle-cry of the Russian youth of the time, and the young generation, in the pursuit of knowledge and freedom, started on its career with a determination and zeal that knew no bounds, no barrier, social or economic.

The young women as well as the young men were eager to make an independent career, in order to serve downtrodden humanity. But while the road to success was open to the young man who could fight poverty and hardship, the road was practically barred to the woman by the whole code of conventional and moral notions, and by the system of domestic tyranny practised over women in all ages and in all countries.

The solution that suggested itself to these young people was the Nihilistic marriage. In many cases the couple separated on the day when the bride left the paternal home, each to work out alone their economic independence. Sometimes they fell in love with one another and became united in reality as well as in name.

Sonia Tchomodanoff was the beautiful and gifted daughter of a parish priest. At sixteen years of age she was imbued with the ideas of the time—the duty of the educated classes towards the people, and the right of women as well as men to a higher education and an independent career of useful public service. But her father had other ambitions for her, and selected for her husband a middle-aged, well-to-do local Justice of the Peace.

Sonia escaped from her home, but was overtaken after some days and brought back by her father. In her despair she turned to a friend and former governess, who decided to bring about a fictitious marriage, to secure Sonia's freedom to go and study at St. Petersburg.

A suitable bridegroom was selected and a daring plot was carried out. The exciting story, with its comedy and tragedy, must be read; it cannot be outlined here. Enough, that after many adventures and risks, the two, who had been complete strangers, were married in the girl's home. For some time afterwards they maintained their independent careers, but the passion each had conceived for the other was too strong, and, since the young husband's honour forbade him to speak, the girl threw herself one day upon his breast and confessed her love. Both lives were dedicated to the people's cause, to which they both subsequently became martyrs. Romance, adventure, horror, triumph of spirit over physical suffering—every page is full of these things.

I know not which one feels most intensely—the greatness or the pity of it all!

E. P. L.

#### A STIMULATING PERSONALITY.

"The longer I live, the more hopeful and more interesting I find the whole world." The life of a man who could write these words at eighty-eight years of age should be interesting and stimulating, whoever he might

"Heroes and Heroines of Russia." By Jackson Proctor. London: Simpkin, Marshall, & Co. 2s.

be, and Francis Newman, brother of the famous Cardinal, was, even apart from the spirit of cheerful optimism which characterises this quotation, a personality whom to have known must have been a liberal education. A distinguished classical scholar, and College Don to the finger-tips, Newman took the keenest interest in all great public events, and through his letters runs the expression of his intense desire for and belief in morality in politics. Among his friends he numbered John Sterling, Louis Kossuth, Dr. and Harriet Martineau, Charles Kingsley, and many other men and women whose names illuminate the history of the early part of the nineteenth century. To read his letters to them is to gain a vivid picture of current events. Woman Suffrage was at that time exceedingly unpopular, yet in the intervals of his University work and research into obscure Eastern languages he found time to attend such woman suffrage meetings as were held at the house of a neighbour, afterwards Mrs. Bainsmith, the sculptor, at St. Ives, Cornwall. He was always an ardent upholder of the principle of equality of the sexes, and in 1872 he wrote: "I now should not wonder to live to see . . . household suffrage extended to the peasantry—and as results, coming some earlier, all soon, the overthrow of the existing drink traffic, of Contagious Diseases Act, Army Reform on a vast scale, Female Equality with Men in the Eye of the Law. . . . I doubt whether any nominally free State ever had such an Augean stable left to it by forty years' eminently active legislation." In the academic world Newman is remembered as Emeritus Professor at University College, London, and it was he who initiated the pronunciation of Latin now generally taught, but known some thirty years ago as the "new" pronunciation.

† Memoir and Letters of Francis W. Newman. By I. Giberne Sleeking. London: Kegan Paul, 10s. 6d. net.

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"Ah; then I shall see my beloved himself again; the great scholar and saint, the master of men's souls, the priest in the congregation." Her arms are about his neck.

HE: Suppose you try and forget me for a moment? Do you think you can?

SHE: William, that's unkind. Of course I can't.

HE: It might mean the salvation of my soul.

It is a cruel rebuff to the woman who has centred her whole heart and her whole life in the building up of her husband's career. For this man had started out with nothing but his own brains to help him—the son of working people, the brother of a disreputable drunkard. The beautiful and gently nurtured woman, when she gave her love to him, gave all. For his sake she had left family and kinsfolk, and had devoted every thought of her life to winning social recognition and larger spheres of influence for the idol of her heart.

Yet, hard as his speech is, the man is not a boor. The strength of the dramatic situation presented to us is that our sympathy is equally divided between the man and the woman. For the man has suddenly awakened to the fact that his soul has been smothered, that his life as the minister of Christ's religion is a sham and a failure, and that the love that can see nothing but himself, nothing but his career, nothing but his worldly advancement, has been, and is, his moral curse. She is pleading with him now to accept a scheme which carries with it a Bishop's patronage.

SHE: William, he is offering you the opportunity of your life.

HE: Damnation take my life!

SHE: William, why are you so violent?

HE: Because violence is the only way of coming to the truth between you and me!

SHE: I am interested in your work, William. Do you take me for an Atheist?

HE: No; far worse—for an idolater!

SHE: William!

HE: What else but idolatry is this precious husband-worship you have set up in your heart—you and all the women of your kind? You barter away your own souls in the service of it; you build up your idols in the fashion of your own respectable desires; you struggle silently among yourselves, one against another, to push your own god foremost in the miserable little pantheon of prigs and hypocrites you have created!

The man strikes as a drowning swimmer strikes at the hands held out to clasp him. He is fighting for his soul. The woman gazes in despair as one who sees the walls of her home totter in an earthquake and the foundations of her existence swept away. Heaven help them both! To this shattering crisis they have been brought because of the false conception of life epitomised in those words of Milton:—

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### THE POLICY OF REVOLT.

"They are committing an act of violence against the Constitution. They are trampling upon the whole constitutional principle. They are using their power in a furious and sordid spirit to wreck and smash the British Constitution."

These words, taken from Mr. Winston Churchill's speech at Bristol, were aimed at the House of Lords, but in point of fact they describe to a nicety the Government's own action in refusing to women the rights of citizenship. For four years Mr. Churchill and his colleagues have been making war upon the women who claim their rights under the British Constitution, but they are not at all deterred by this fact from posing as the guardians of the Constitution in the present quarrel with the House of Lords. This shameless hypocrisy on the part of the Government has had no parallel since 1834, in which year the then Liberal Government, while giving the vote to the agricultural labourers, refused that boon to the women of the country.

The unconstitutional opposition of the present Government to women's enfranchisement means that they refuse to recognise women as fully human, that they wish them to occupy the position of a servile and sub-human sex. In this position they are determined to keep them by sheer physical force. In other words, the Liberal leaders have as their political goal the establishment of a male aristocracy, the members of which, politically equal as between themselves, are to exercise absolute control over women, the only unrepresented class. This domination over women is obviously based upon, and can only be continued by, physical force, and therefore all protest and revolt upon the part of women will be met, as they are now being met, by methods of coercion, including arrest and imprisonment. That such is the fixed policy of Mr. Asquith and his associates, is shown by their denunciation of the Upper House for its attack upon the Budget, by their introduction during this Parliament of two measures for improving the male franchise without benefiting women, by their opposition to the principle of Woman Suffrage, by their use of methods of violence against the advocates of this reform.

What action ought women to take in answer to the Government's policy of injustice and violence? The duty of women is clear. It is summed up in the one word—revolt. Revolt by means as restrained and orderly as the tactics of our opponents permit, but always revolt. Four years ago the Women's Social and Political Union chose as their watchword: "Rebellion against tyrants is obedience to God." Since then the campaign of action has gone on, unceasingly and unflinchingly. Never since the beginning have the women in this movement let the question of Votes for Women sink back to its old obscurity, never have they allowed Cabinet Ministers to think that they gave their consent to a system of government in which their sex has no part or share. Yet, with such self-restraint has this work been done that no member of the Government has suffered injury—save to his pride; and none but the most trifling and technical damage has been done to property. If this had been a men's rebellion there would have been a very different tale to tell. Years ago men rioted for the Vote. In Bristol on Sunday, October 30, 1881, between the hours of six o'clock and twelve o'clock, the new gaol, the toll-houses, the Bishop's Palace, two sides of Queen's Square, including the Mansion House, the Custom House, the Ex-

cise Office, warehouses, and other property to the amount of upwards of £100,000 were totally destroyed. The opponents of men's enfranchisement were subjected to fierce and dangerous attack; thus the Bishop of Lichfield was nearly killed, and the Archbishop of Canterbury was insulted, spat upon, and with great difficulty rescued, amidst the yells and execrations of a violent and angry mob. The Bristol men were so menacing in their attitude towards Sir Charles Wetherell because of his opposition to reform, that the Riot Act was read, and he had to leave the house, making escape over the roofs.

Contrast the demonstration of women's political discontent made in Bristol a few days ago! The only damage done by them to property consisted in the breaking of two or three windows of trifling money worth, while a member of the Government, without being at all hurt, was told in an unmistakable way that one woman, at any rate, felt profound contempt for himself and the other members of the present Anti-Suffrage Government.

Let those who feel inclined to condemn Miss Garnett's action examine it in the light of facts. Mr. Churchill's personal record in regard to Woman Suffrage is a black one. Recently, at Dundee, he announced his intention of violating the solemn pledge to help the Votes for Women cause, which he made at the North-West Manchester by-election, and repeated at the Dundee by-election. He was the first Minister to declare that the Liberal Government would not submit Votes for Women to the country at the forthcoming General Election. He has adopted with particular gusto that policy of duplicity which consists in defrauding women of the Vote with one hand, and threatening the House of Lords with the other. He is equally and jointly responsible with the other members of the Government for the political subjection of women, and for resisting their demand for enfranchisement by methods of violence. He shares with them the guilt of imprisoning and arresting women Suffragists, and for treating them while in prison as common criminals. He, just as much as his colleagues, has assaulted his women political opponents by means of the stomach-tube; he, in common with other Ministers, has condoned the unlawful attack by means of the fire-hose on a Suffragist prisoner in Manchester, for he, with them, has neglected to have the offending persons punished.

He, like every member of the Government, must be held accountable for the fact that brutal and dangerous attacks (including the very serious one which occurred outside his garden party at Abernethy) are made by stewards and other Liberal partisans on members of the Union without interference by the authorities.

How can Mr. Churchill, or anyone else, be surprised that the Government's campaign of violence against women has led to an act of reprisal on the part of a woman? Mr. Churchill has not hesitated to humiliate women. A woman has at last humiliated him. Moved by the spirit of pure chivalry, Miss Garnett took what she thought to be the best available means of avenging the insult done to womanhood by the Government to which Mr. Churchill belongs. The Government have deliberately taken away all the more peaceful and convenient ways of making good women's claim to the Vote. Letters and the resolutions carried at public meetings are ignored; deputations to members of the Government are not received or have given to them unsatisfactory replies; public meetings are confined to members of the enfranchised sex; in short, the Government seem bent on driving women either to submit or to adopt more drastic measures of revolt.

Miss Garnett has made her choice, and has gone to prison, there to suffer punishment for her act.

It is easy for her critics to express disapproval of what she has done, but it is not so easy for them to say what other means she ought to have taken to express her protest against disfranchisement, and her resentment of the Government's violence towards her comrades. From Liberal platforms and from Liberal newspapers comes the same teaching. "The liberties of the English people are too sacred to admit of paltering or compromise." To interfere with these liberties is "monstrous treason." It is the "blackest of all crimes" to destroy the "liberties and the institutions which have been the nation's bulwark through the centuries." The "wisdom and genius of the British people" (of which women are surely a part) give them the power to "rise to the height of great emergencies, and to defend against invasion and insult the primary rights and freedoms of their race."

To hear these great principles, even when they are spoken of by the very men who betray them, is to spur women on to make a struggle, more determined than ever, for their birthright of political liberty.

**Christabel Pankhurst.**



## WOMEN AND PHYSICAL FORCE.

"If physical force is woman's weakest side, is it not a mistake that she should employ it in this campaign?"

This was a question recently put to me at a meeting at which I was speaking. It is probably uppermost in the minds of a number of men who condemn the more recent developments of the militant tactics. It is well, therefore, to consider it and give it a definite reply.

In the first place, there is a fallacy in the very way in which the question is expressed. It is impossible to say that physical force is woman's weakest side, because it is not possible to compare things which exist on different planes; spiritual force, moral force, mental force, and physical force, all of which are possessed by women, cannot, therefore, be set one against the other and measured. To change the metaphor, they cannot be compared in quantity because they cannot be reduced to a common denominator. Further than this, immaterial forces require the medium of material forces for their manifestation, so that woman's physical force is called into play for the exhibition of the other forces which she possesses.

Turn to other fields and see whether the use of physical force by women is condemned. In the home the daily tasks of washing and cooking, of carrying up the coals and wood, of blacking the grates and all the other innumerable acts of service which form the anti-Suffragist's paradise are performed by women by the use of their physical force. It would certainly be a very convenient way of carrying out the home duties if they could be performed by moral force alone. The anti-Suffragist woman blacking the grate by "meditation" would certainly be a fitting subject for the artist's brush!

But, interpreting loosely the question, so as to avoid this fallacy, we suppose that what is really meant is not the use of physical force, but the use of physical violence, and, further, that the comparison which it is proposed to draw is not between woman's physical force and her other powers, but between the powers of men and women. The question then in its amended form would read as follows: "If women are weaker than men for the purpose of exercising physical violence, is it not a mistake that they should employ it in this campaign?"

### A Question of Expediency Only.

Observe that here is not any moral principle, but only a question of expediency. The questioner does not suggest that the use of physical violence is in itself wrong. He dare not do that, because he would be brought up at once against the hard facts of life. He knows that the Government every day rely upon the physical violence of the Army and the police either actively or potentially to maintain law and order, to arrest criminals, to bring them to justice, and to keep them in prison. To condemn the use of physical violence is to abandon completely all these defences with which society has entrenched itself. It is, further, to condemn all the successful revolutions which have been made throughout the history of the world to throw off tyranny and oppression. No! The suggestion is simply that the use of physical force is *inexpedient* in the case of women because they are physically weaker than men.

Before discussing the chances of success of women in this struggle it is well to see how it came to pass that the combat is being waged on the plane of physical force.

For many, many years the advocates of Woman Suffrage confined themselves to hard reasoning. They showed that just because women contributed a necessary part to the maintenance of the State, both financially and by the services which they rendered as mothers of the coming generation and in all the other capacities of their life, the stability of the State could only be maintained provided they shared with men the right to choose those who should make the laws and administer the country. The answer to this argument was that it was a matter of theory alone, but that the vote was the expression of the physical force of the nation, and that only those ought to possess it who could in the last resort back it up by physical means. When Christabel Pankhurst and Annie Kenney made their first protest by asking a question in the Free Trade Hall, Manchester, Sir Edward Grey gave no answer, but sanctioned the action of the Liberal stewards, who seized the women and flung them out of the meeting. By their actions the Liberals said, "We do not know whether there is an answer to your logic or whether there is not, but what we do know is that we are stronger physically than you, and we are going to quell your protest by brute force." Women had challenged the Liberal Government, and Liberals took up the challenge and chose to have it fought out with the weapon of physical force; and this has been the practice of the Government from that day to this. Against the logical and just demand of women to interview the Prime Minister and to press forward their claim the Government has called out its reserves of physical force in the shape of the police, it has seized the women,

brought them before the magistrate, and incarcerated them in gaol and kept them there by the strength of physical force. When they protested, in prison, by passive resistance in the shape of the hunger strike, it had them overpowered by numbers and held down while a forcible operation was performed upon them.

Now, just as in a duel, when the challenged party has chosen a weapon the challenger cannot refuse it on the ground that he would prefer to employ a different weapon, just so in the conflict between women and the Government, the women cannot refuse because the Government has chosen to fight out the issue on the plane of physical force. Women, unless they were willing to declare themselves beaten altogether, were bound to accept the weapon which the Government had decided to use. And from that time to this they have pitted their physical strength against that of their opponents.

Even if they had been certain of defeat this would have been the only honourable thing for them to have done. It would have represented the triumph of the spirit refusing to yield before oppression. But as an actual fact it is the pathway to success. It is not true, and it never has been true, that physical force alone decides the victory. In every conflict of forces, physical, mental, moral, and spiritual weapons all have their part to play. The control of man over the animal kingdom depends on this law. If it were true that physical force always triumphed it would be the horse that controlled man, and not man the horse. In most of the great revolutions the physical force on the side of the revolutionaries has been small compared with that of their oppressors, but it has been their far greater moral force which has worked through their physical force to make them victorious.

When Garibaldi started out on his campaign which ultimately ended in the liberation of Sicily, he took with him a body of men not one-twentieth as numerous as the forces opposed to him, and armed with weapons immeasurably inferior to those possessed by his enemy. Yet the moral force which was with him and his band, acting through their physical force, secured the victory.

In the case of the internal uprising of a section of a population against the domination of others of the same race the result is still more certain to be ultimate success. It matters not that the revolutionaries are a mere fraction of the whole population, provided they are so determined that they count their personal convenience and even their life itself as nothing in the balance. In such a case it is not a question of a pitched battle between the authorities and those who are demanding freedom. No one supposes that the men fighting for their rights in 1830 could have faced the serried ranks of the soldiers of the King's army and routed them any more than that the women could meet and disperse the police or military forces which the Executive might call out against them to-day. What is certain is that any body of people fighting for bare justice, whether men or women, have the power to prevent the government of the country being carried on against their consent. The government of any country depends on the observance of certain conventions by the whole community. If any section deliberately refuse to recognise these conventions they can dislocate the whole machinery of government. Where this is done in the fight for liberty and right, they can force the Executive to choose between according to their just demand or adopting a policy of wholesale extermination. No civilised Government would dare so to outrage public opinion as to adopt the latter course.

W. Pethick Lawrence.

### TREASURER'S NOTE.

On Friday, November 12, we found that the list of contributions would fill up an entire column. The subscriptions received on Saturday must therefore wait for acknowledgment in the paper until next week. The spirit of enthusiasm throughout the ranks of the movement is magnificent. It manifests itself on every page, and not least in the Fund Column. To the Treasurer these names and figures represent an epitome of golden deeds. One woman who has just lost her post because she was seen by her employer (who is an opponent) selling VOTES FOR WOMEN in the street, writes: "I have been thinking and thinking what I can do, and have now decided what will be the greatest self-denial. I cannot afford to send much money, now that I have just lost my post, but I am enclosing 2s. for 'The Mary Leigh Defence Fund.' Now besides this I am sending you by parcels post a few of the books I prize most, which I should like you to sell for the fund."

It is well for the Union that it is supported in this spirit by thousands of women; for costly legal proceedings have to be taken as one method of fighting the cruelty, violence and tyranny of the Government. At the end of this month Mrs. Leigh's case and Mrs. Pankhurst's case will be heard in the courts of law.

We are also taking the field at two by-elections. This means an extra expenditure of at least £300.

So long as every individual member and reader of the paper realises that this warfare demands the utmost, so long as all are ready to give their utmost, be the gift large or small, we meet our opponents on the battlefield with a heart glad and unburdened by care, filled with the joy of battle and the certainty of victory.

E. P. L.

### CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE £100,000 FUND.

November 8 to November 12.

Already acknowledged £52,283 13 6	Per Miss A. Williams—	
Mrs. Laura Noble .....	Dr. Alice Burn .....	£1 1 0
Miss E. Wedgwood .....	Mrs. Atkinson .....	1 0 0
Miss Alice Heale .....	Miss Lawson .....	0 2 6
Miss Kate Smith .....	Miss Hardwick .....	0 2 0
Mrs. Richardson .....	Miss Dawson .....	0 5 0
Mrs. O. S. Howse .....	Miss Clark .....	0 1 0
Mrs. B. Bacon .....	Mrs. Taylor .....	15 5 0
Miss Hawdon .....	For By-Election Fund—	
Anon. ....	A "Y.H.B." .....	1 0 0
Miss F. M. Canning .....	Miss Mary Dearn .....	0 5 0
Miss E. Simpson .....	For Development of V.P.W.—	
Extra on V.P.W. ....	Mrs. B. Smyth-Pigott .....	0 10 0
Per Miss A. Kelly .....	For Drum and Fife Band—	
Per Miss K. Kelly .....	Miss Plumb .....	0 5 0
Messrs. Sayers and	N.W. London W.S.F.U. ....	0 17 0
Wesson .....	For Organiser Fund—	
Mrs. Wm. Mort .....	Miss Alberta Russell .....	0 4 0
Miss F. M. Collier .....	Lady Knyvet .....	0 12 6
The Misses Purdy .....	The Misses McLeod .....	0 6 0
Semi-Sympathiser .....	For Scottish Campaign Fund—	
Miss G. Whetton .....	Per Miss A. Pankhurst—	
Miss B. Murray (V.P.W.)	Miss McFarlane .....	40 6 4
W. sold .....	Anon. ....	5 0 0
Miss Brinkhurst (V.P.W.)	Anon. ....	10 0 0
W. sold .....	Miss M. Walker .....	1 0 0
Mrs. A. Davis .....	Per Miss Macaulay—	
Mrs. M. Oredson .....	Miss Walton .....	1 0 0
Miss A. P. Ridley .....	Miss Anderson .....	0 5 0
Miss C. Briggs .....	Mrs. Nicholson .....	0 5 0
Frau J. M. Streiff .....	Miss Fairfield .....	0 1 0
Miss F. Cooke .....	Anon. ....	0 0 9
Miss C. Byr .....	Miss Hamilton .....	0 10 6
Mrs. A. Hatherell .....	Profit on literature .....	2 0 10
Miss E. Roebor .....	Entrance Fees .....	4 17 0
Per Mrs. Clarke—	Collections, &c.—	
Per Miss Turner (for	London .....	53 3 9
Organiser) .....	Per Mrs. Clarke .....	0 7 10
Per Miss Gawthorpe—	" Miss Croser and	
Miss Leigh .....	" Miss Roberts .....	1 1 5
Mrs. Humphreys .....	" Miss Corson .....	0 6 5
Per Miss M. Harrison—	" Miss Gawthorpe .....	4 12 0
Dr. Stacey .....	" Miss Harrison .....	0 10 0
Per Miss Howey—	" Hon. Mrs. Haver-	
A Member .....	field .....	1 6 6
Mrs. Howey .....	" Miss Keovil .....	16 12 9
Miss Baker .....	" Miss A. Kenney .....	2 12 6
Per Miss A. Kenney .....	" Miss Jeffrey .....	1 16 6
Miss Palmer (col.) .....	" Miss Phillips .....	0 20 5
Per Miss E. McKenzie—	" Miss Wentworth .....	3 2 2
Lord Fredegar .....	" Miss Williams .....	9 11 10
Per Miss Marsh—	" Scottish Campaign	25 17 2
Miss Schuster (col.) .....		
Per Miss Phillips—		
Miss E. Thompson .....		
Extra on literature .....		
	Total ..	£52,527 9 6

### FOR MARY LEIGH DEFENCE FUND—

Already acknowledged £185 12 3	Mrs. Monck-Mason .....	\$0 5 0
Miss E. Sanders .....	Mrs. Maguire .....	0 2 6
Miss Hutton .....	M.A. ....	0 1 0
Miss Florence Douro .....	M. F. ....	0 1 0
Miss A. Okey .....	Mrs. Lewis .....	0 2 8
Miss Edith M. Evans .....	Mrs. E. J. East .....	0 1 0
Miss Charlotte Napier .....	Per Miss L. Ainsworth—	
Mrs. Joan Cather .....	Miss Rhoda Bead .....	0 2 0
Miss G. O. Sentence .....	Miss Robbins .....	0 1 0
Miss E. V. Rintoul .....	Anon. ....	0 0 3
Misses A. Thomas and	Miss Dora Benson .....	0 2 0
J. Hambly .....	A working man .....	0 0 8
Miss Gertrude Lees .....	Mrs. Ryland .....	0 2 6
Miss Winifred G. Davis .....	Miss L. Ainsworth .....	0 2 6
Miss Kate Griffith .....	Mrs. Parker .....	1 1 0
Mrs. J. Salvi .....	Lady Isabel Margesson .....	0 5 0
Miss M. Fowler .....	Per Mrs. Clarke—	
Miss E. Fowler .....	Mrs. Aldred .....	0 2 6
Miss E. Freeman .....	Miss Davis .....	0 1 0
Miss F. E. Marquardt .....	Mrs. M. Clarke .....	0 5 0
S. M. S. A. ....	Miss A. Davis .....	0 2 6
J. H. ....	Miss Cobb .....	0 1 0
J. J. F. ....	Mrs. and Miss John-	
Miss L. Griffiths .....	son .....	0 2 6
Miss Grace Crom .....	Mrs. Cobb .....	0 1 0
Miss H. F. Copland .....	Miss Turner .....	0 0 6
Miss M. Burgess .....	Mrs. Elmes .....	0 1 0
Mrs. Bridgen .....	Miss Elmes .....	0 1 0
Mrs. Barker .....	Mrs. McKewen .....	0 3 0
Mrs. Blackie .....	Mrs. Laverocour .....	0 1 0
A Man in Street .....	Miss Stearns .....	0 2 0
E. G. Jameson, Esq. ....	Eleven Friends .....	0 5 7
Nurse A. Kay and Miss	Mrs. Wright .....	0 1 0
K. Gordon .....	Cissie (collected) .....	0 5 0
Miss M. Thompson .....	Per Miss Corson—	
Miss E. M. Wilmot .....	Mrs. Gumbrell .....	0 2 0
Busan .....	Mrs. Jackson .....	0 1 0
Miss M. Clark .....	Mrs. Branch .....	0 2 0
J. Stone, Esq. ....	Miss Branch .....	0 2 0
Mrs. H. Whitten .....	Miss Green .....	0 1 0
"In admiration of Mrs.	Miss M. Brackenbury .....	0 5 0
Leigh's courage" .....	Per Miss Gawthorpe—	
Mrs. G. M. Smith .....	Miss Holden .....	0 10 6
Mrs. Hartley Withers .....	Miss B. Jowle	
Miss Ella Meyer .....	(collected) .....	0 15 7
Mrs. Violet Jones .....	Per Miss Howey—	
The Misses Allen-Brown	Miss Baker .....	0 5 0
and Mrs. F. Fleming .....	Per Miss Keovil—	
Miss Gibbes .....	Miss Lettice Floyd .....	1 1 0
Mrs. R. Belmont .....	Miss Cook .....	0 5 0
Miss H. Nicoll .....	Miss Bertha Ryland .....	0 1 0
Mrs. Norman Lee .....	Miss Barnwell .....	0 2 0
Mrs. H. Rowe .....	Miss K. Berkeley .....	0 0 6
Miss H. O'Toole .....	Miss Myers .....	0 1 0
Mrs. F. Smith .....	Mrs. Aston .....	0 0 6
L. E. ....	Anon. ....	0 0 6
Mrs. Dewes & children	Jacobs, Esq. ....	0 2 6
Anon. ....	Miss L. Fresh .....	0 1 0
F. E. P. ....	Mrs. B. Smith .....	0 1 0
M. M. Terrero, Esq. ....	Sale of leaflet songs .....	0 2 0
Miss M. A. Page .....	Mrs. B. Brewster .....	3 10 3
Miss G. A. Richard .....	Per Miss A. Kenney—	
Miss B. F. Wythe .....	Mrs. Kent .....	0 10 0
Miss I. Edwards .....	Per Miss Macaulay—	
Miss M. Edwards .....	Miss McFarlane .....	4 10 0
Mrs. Sudd Brown .....	Miss H. Logan .....	1 0 0
J. P. Valle, Esq. ....	Miss J. C. Mothron .....	1 0 0
Miss F. Sothoran .....	Miss Barbara Damp-	
Mrs. B. Arbuth .....	ster .....	1 0 0
Miss F. Russell .....	Miss B. A. Smith .....	0 10 0
Mrs. M. W. Bull .....	Mr. and Mrs. James	
Two Friends .....	Ivory .....	0 5 0
Mrs. B. Page .....	Mrs. Waddel .....	
Mrs. H. Baynes .....	Dr. Chalmers Wak-	
Mrs. Elliott .....	son .....	0 2 6
Miss Edith Beck .....	Miss Lambers .....	0 2 6
Miss M. Boland .....	Miss Thomson .....	0 2 6
Miss M. Evans .....	Miss M. C. Thompson .....	0 2 0
Miss C. M. Strangways .....	"A Sympathiser" .....	0 2 0
Miss A. Auld .....	Miss Davidson .....	0 1 0
Miss A. E. Hopper .....	Miss Campbell .....	0 0 6
A Friend .....	Miss McCrie .....	0 0 6
Miss E. M. LeCocq .....	Miss Carruthers .....	0 0 6
Mrs. Henry .....	C.B. ....	0 0 6
Anon. ....	Per Miss Phillips—	
Anon. ....	Miss Urquhart .....	0 5 0
Anon. ....	Per Hampstead	
Anon. ....	W.S.F.U.—	
Anon. ....	Mrs. Hornbrook .....	0 5 0
Anon. ....	A Friend .....	0 0 6
Anon. ....	Anon. ....	0 2 0
Anon. ....	Miss M. Morier .....	0 2 6
Anon. ....	Miss D. D. Solomon .....	0 5 0
Anon. ....	Mrs. Spong .....	0 2 0
Anon. ....	Mrs. Solomon .....	1 1 0
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Anon. ....	Miss Larro .....	0 2 6
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Anon. ....	Mrs. A. E. Hall .....	0 5 0
Anon. ....	Miss L. C. Oriskany .....	1 0 0
Anon. ....	Miss M. Smart .....	0 2 6
Anon. ....	Collection at meeting	5 10 9
Anon. ....	Collections—	
Anon. ....	Per Mrs. Clarke .....	0 8 8
Anon. ....	" Miss Jeffrey .....	2 3 6
Anon. ....	" Miss Phillips .....	0 2 3
Anon. ....	Mary Leigh Defence	
Anon. ....	Fund .....	372 17 2
Anon. ....	General Fund .....	£52,527 9 6
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## PORTSMOUTH BY-ELECTION.

Liberal..... Mr. R. C. Lambert  
 Liberal Unionist.... Lord Charles Beresford  
 Labour..... Alderman W. Sanders

At the last election the figures were as follows:—Sir T. A. Bramston (L.), 10,500; Sir John Baker (L.), 10,236; Mr. W. S. Sanders (Lab.), 8,179; Major Edmund H. Hills (C.), 7,970; Mr. A. W. Whitelaw (C.), 7,752; Mr. Fred. T. Jans (Ind.), 1,859.

W.S.P.U. Committee Rooms, 191, Commercial Road, Portsmouth.

Owing to the sudden death of Sir John Baker, one of the two Liberal members for Portsmouth, a by-election in that constituency is in progress. A vigorous campaign has been opened by the W.S.P.U., who are making the case of Miss Charlotte Marsh and the forcible feeding of women Suffragists the ground of their appeal to the electors to vote against the Liberal nominee. At the Queen's Hall, London, on Monday afternoon, £20 was subscribed for the hire of a motor; other donations will be welcomed. Among those already in the constituency are Miss Cameron, Miss Douglas Smith, Miss Isabel Seymour, Mrs. Corbett, Miss Grace Roe, Miss Maud Joachim, Mrs. Massy, Miss M. Brackenbury, Miss Billingham, and Mrs. Bardsley. Workers are asked to volunteer for speaking, advertising meetings, secretarial and other office work, etc., and to send in their names to Miss Christabel Pankhurst, 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

Miss Pankhurst will address a public meeting in the Town Hall, Portsmouth, to-morrow (Saturday), at 3 p.m.

The *Morning Post* says:—"There is to be great activity by the supporters of Women's Suffrage. Miss Margaret Cameron has taken up her quarters at Portsmouth, and is engaged in making arrangements for a campaign on behalf of the Women's Social and Political Union. The campaign will be directed entirely against the Liberal candidate. Committee rooms have been engaged, and later in the week a number of 'Suffragettes' who have made the hunger protest will arrive and address public meetings. Miss Christabel Pankhurst is expected on Sunday, and Lady Constance Lytton is also among those who will probably be in the town. The 'Suffragettes' propose to make the forcible feeding of women prisoners a great feature of the campaign. 'We mean to have a rousing campaign,' was Miss Cameron's remark when questioned, and, she added: 'We are up against the Government with all our might and main, and our only object will be to keep the Liberal candidate out.'"

Mrs. Massy, who has worked hard in so many by-elections, gave, at the Queen's Hall on Monday, a racy account of some of her experiences, and told many stories illustrating the influence of suffragettes among the electors. A by-election was the very best opportunity for propaganda, as it made men and women realise the value of the vote which the rival candidates sought after so ardently. Of the attitude of the Press she told two significant stories. In one town the reporters admitted that they were not to write anything about a meeting unless there was a disturbance. In London a clergyman who reported for an important daily paper found that his reports of meetings were altered so as to be unrecognisable. The editor, on being taxed with this, said: "My dear fellow, if we let your reports go in as written, women would have the vote in six months."

The members of the Women's Social and Political Union have adopted anti-Government tactics, and their policy is opposition to the Government candidate, whether individually he is or is not in favour of their cause. It is a policy as old as Parnell, but never before carried out with such consistency.

—*Irish Times*.

## UXBRIDGE BY-ELECTION.

The figures at the last election were as follows:—Sir F. D. Dixon-Hartland, Bart. (C.), 6,429; S. J. Pocock (L.), 6,284. Conservative majority, 145.

Owing to the death of Sir Frederick Dixon-Hartland, a vacancy has occurred in the Uxbridge division of Middlesex. Should a by-election take place, the W.S.P.U. will open a vigorous campaign.

## ALEXANDRA PALACE MEETING.

A correspondent, signing himself "Voter," writes to the *Sentinel*, which circulates in the neighbourhood of the Alexandra Palace, to express his admiration of the women speakers at the meeting on November 3, reported in last week's *VOTES FOR WOMEN*. He says:—"Their calm and unruffled persistency were beyond criticism. Any doubts I may have had on the question are now once and for all settled in favour of women having the franchise, and I shall in future use my vote in such a manner that the women may benefit." And the *Sentinel* adds: "As we expected, the wrecking of the meeting has not been all disaster from the women's point of view."

## MRS. PANKHURST IN AMERICA.

The latest news from Mrs. Pankhurst shows that she is having the same welcome reception in every town she visits in America. Letters received here, during the week from America, enclosing subscriptions to the paper, show what a keen interest has been awakened there in the militant methods. One of them says: "I have been absorbingly interested in the reports of your brave work in England. In Washington next year an amendment on woman suffrage will be discussed, and I want to cheer the workers on and educate the masses by giving them true reports of your work." During the past week Mrs. Pankhurst has spoken at Rochester, Pittsburg, and Buffalo, and she still has engagements at Toronto, at Geneva (New York), and the final farewell meeting in New York on November 30. She will leave for Europe on December 1.

## PROTEST AGAINST BIRMINGHAM DOCTORS.

Dr. Cassel's house in Handsworth is guarded night and day by police and detectives, and crowds assemble to see the women parading with sandwich boards and giving out forcible-feeding handbills. Dr. Cassel has also had face to face encounters with members of the Union, but he refuses to say anything about Miss Marsh. Dr. Helby, at the prison, is being treated in the same way. On Saturday afternoon, eight sandwich women went through the centre of the town, the sandwiches bearing the following words:—"Rebellion Against Tyranny is Obedience to God. Protest Against the Torture of Charlotte Marsh." A large photograph of Miss Marsh is in the window of the office, 33, Paradise Street. The *Marseillaise* promises to become the most popular song in Birmingham.

Although there has been a statement in the Birmingham papers that Miss Marsh is well, the W.S.P.U. had heard, through a released prisoner, that she has been examined by doctors and taken to the hospital.

## THE COLOURS.

How beautiful and free  
 Is yonder sunlit sea,  
 Its pearly purple sheen  
 Flecked white and shot with green!

And here the cliffs are crowned  
 With living green all round,  
 And purple heather grows  
 Beside the white wild rose.

These colours three combined  
 Bring evermore to mind  
 The valiant souls who fight  
 'Neath purple, green, and white.

No cruel sword they wield,  
 Unarmed they take the field,  
 An earnest, dauntless band,  
 Injustice to withstand.

Their banner is unfurled  
 To benefit the world;  
 Pure are their aims and high  
 As is yon summer sky.

The struggle has been long,  
 But right must vanquish wrong,  
 And purple, green, and white  
 Put tyranny to flight.

DEBORAH WEBB.

## ANOTHER DEPUTATION REFUSED.

Mr. Asquith has refused, "in consequence of the heavy pressure of business," to receive a deputation from the Men's League for Women's Suffrage, consisting of Mr. Stanger, K.C., M.P., Sir John Cockburn, K.C.M.G., ex-Premier of South Australia, Sir Edward Busk, Sir Victor Horsley, F.R.S., F.R.C.S., the Rev. Canon Hicks, Rev. Canon Kempthorne, Rev. Canon Talbot, Mr. Israel Zangwill, Professor J. H. Muirhead, Mr. J. Forbes-Robertson, and the Chairman of the League, Mr. Herbert Jacobs.

## A BRAVE IRISHWOMAN.

A noteworthy instance of bravery in a woman occurred recently at Ballymoney, where a fire broke out in the house of a man named Riddella, who is old and partially blind. A brave but unsuccessful attempt at rescue was made by a man among the spectators. The house had become a mass of flames, and rescue seemed hopeless, when a woman arrived on the scene, and on learning the state of affairs she dashed into the house and brought the old man out, very severely burned and in a state of collapse, but still alive.

## COMMENTS OF THE PRESS.

Whatever may be said against the methods of these militants, it must be admitted that they have succeeded in keeping their cause to the front, and it would be sheer nonsense to say that a movement which can command such sacrifices as these women have shown themselves ready and willing to make, and which can raise £50,000 for propaganda purposes in less than two years, has no hold on the country, or that it can be wiped out by a policy of mere negation. —*The Monitor*.

There has from the beginning been—especially on the part of the Prime Minister—a tone of asperity in the attitude of the Government that has disappointed and exasperated even the Suffragists who have confined themselves to action on constitutional lines. The indiscretions committed by a few of the Suffragists is not in the least a justification for punishing the general body of Suffragists by withholding a reform to which as an act of simple justice the Liberal party is pledged to the hilt. Such an attitude is not only grossly inequitable, but also glaringly inconsistent. If all women are to be decreed unfit for participation in political work in respect of the deeds of Mrs. Pankhurst's followers, why should the Liberal party, like their opponents, so largely invoke and utilise the assistance of women's political associations; and why should they in electioneering employ so great an army of intelligent women to enlighten and bring over the ignorant or wavering men voters? If the women whose services are in this connection so constantly extolled as invaluable are equal to the demands made upon their knowledge, capacity, and energy, and are so urgently needed as political missionaries among men, the course pursued in refusing them the vote is manifestly as mean and shabby as it is impolitic and unjust.

—*Aberdeen Free Press*.

If only for pluck and persistency many of the Suffragettes cannot but be admired.

—*Islington Daily Gazette*.

Lady Constance Lytton spoke on Woman Suffrage at the Yamen Rooms. . . . The pure womanliness of her face and form, the gentle candour of her speech, the delicate softness of her attitude, came as a surprise, as all the other surprises came. We found again, as we have found time after time again, no hoodigan, no terrible human creature, but a woman, lovable, gracious, sweet, but determined. We know those rose gardens of dear women with their generous enthusiasms, their ardent humanity. Once upon a time they lived in a wonderful twilight. The world about them was touched with mysterious magic. They in their times sat by the fire and dreamed dreams and saw visions. Now they have come alive; the twilight is gone; the plain light is come; the twentieth century is here with all its tremendous forces calling aloud, not for the labour of man, but for the labour of man and woman.

—*Liverpool Daily Courier*.

## "AN HEROIC REMEDY."

A correspondent in the *Auto-Car* suggests what he describes as an heroic remedy for "police persecution" of motor-car owners, viz., a society the members of which should pledge themselves to go to prison for any offence under the Motor-car Act instead of paying a fine. "Let us rather (whisper it softly) go to prison," he says. This, while involving much inconvenience, would soon bring to an end the present "intolerable situation," and he adds: "We should be unworthy of the name of Britons if we showed ourselves incapable of making sacrifices for the common weal. The British taxpayer would soon get tired of paying for the keep of a large number of motorists, and he would then begin to think, which would be our salvation."

## CONSERVATIVE WOMEN'S FRANCHISE ASSOCIATION.

The Association has started a monthly journal, price 2d., entitled "The Conservative and Unionist Women's Franchise Review." The first number contains a portrait of the President, Lady Knightley of Fawsley, and news of the suffrage movement in Europe and Australia, as well as a chronicle of the Association's doings.

A series of lectures is being given at 64, Victoria Street, S.W., at 11.30 a.m. on Tuesdays, on Proportional Representation, National Revenue and Expenditure, Local Finance, and other subjects. Full particulars can be had from the Hon. Secretary of the Association, Mrs. Gilbert Samuel, 48, Dover Street, Piccadilly, W.

## THE POST-BOX.

To the Editors of *VOTES FOR WOMEN*.

Dear Sir,—Last Thursday evening I purchased outside St. James's Hall my first copy of your splendid paper, and I cannot help writing a few lines of congratulation on the strong words of courage and hope I find in its pages. I come from New Zealand, where, as you know, women (I am only a man) have enjoyed their rights in regard to the franchise for the past fifteen or sixteen years, and I can testify to the civilising effect woman's influence has had on political life out there. On election day drunkenness and rowdiness have entirely ceased, the public-houses are closed, and everything is done decently and in order. My own mother and sisters exercised their privilege of voting on every occasion, and I cannot say that in doing so they neglected their domestic duties in any way, nor did their newly acquired responsibility lead to any family discord.

I do not approve of all the actions of the Suffragettes, but the treatment to which they have been subjected by the powers that be is simply outrageous. At a sanatorium I once had an experience of "tube method"—not because I would not take my food, but because they wanted to test my digestion—and I can fully confirm all that has been said about its cruelty and pain.

The sensation is a most disgusting one, even when taken willingly. What it must be when resisted I can only surmise.

Your struggle in the cause of justice can have but one ending—victory! In one sense your struggle and your suffering is not a matter for regret, for it is showing the world what it can expect from women in these days when they are touched with the fire of enthusiasm. It portends the coming day of glory, when man and woman will stand side by side, heirs of all the ages, finding in the union of perfect freedom and equality a spiritual power and strength unimagined in their wildest dreams.—Yours, etc.,

W. F. KENNEDY.

4, Chilworth Street, Paddington, W.

A member of the Union, writing to tell us that she will help in making a protest, says:—"Allow me to offer my services and self—it is all I have to give; but take it if you think I can be of any use to so great a cause. I have counted the cost. I don't mind what I do to show the world that we mean to win, and the Government that we are in earnest. No surrender!"

Two teachers write that although hitherto loyalty has prevented them from taking the decisive step of withdrawing their subscriptions from a teaching organisation to which they belong, they have been driven to do this by the more urgent need of loyalty to womanhood in general, and to those splendid heroines in particular, who are in the forefront of the present political struggle for the enfranchisement of duly qualified women. They are giving to the W.S.P.U. the money formerly subscribed to the society referred to.

A working man who has attended some of the meetings in Dundee recently, writes:—"If working men could give the vote to women, they would get it now. Only ignorance is in the way, and it must be cleared out; so let us have a meeting here now and again to keep the movement 'full steam ahead.'"

[We have received a quantity of correspondence on the subject of the article by the Rev. G. Herbert Davis, entitled "He Shall Rule Over Thee," published in *VOTES FOR WOMEN* on November 5. Interested as we are in the views of our correspondents, we have not space to publish letters on the subject, which is, after all, but a side-issue of the cause of the W.S.P.U.—Ed., *VOTES FOR WOMEN*.]

## A NEW PLEDGE.

An important amendment to one of the rules of the London Society for Woman Suffrage was carried at a private meeting in Carlton Hall recently, making the rule read as follows:—"The Society shall consist of the present members and associates, and of all persons who shall sign the following pledge: 'I pledge myself to adhere to lawful and constitutional methods of agitation solely, and to support, financially and otherwise, only such societies as adhere to these methods.'"

## A NEW SUFFRAGE SOCIETY.

A non-party Suffrage Society for women of the younger generation has been formed under the title of the Society of Younger Suffragists, an associated branch of the N.U.W.S.S. There are six Hon. Secretaries, and the central office is at 36, Victoria Street, S.W.

## A WOMAN JUROR.

On October 12, for the first time in California, a woman (Mrs. Johanna Engelman, of Santa Monica) was sworn in to serve as a juror.



## PROGRAMME OF EVENTS.

Friday, 19.	Birkenhead, St. John's Church, Grange Road	Miss Flatman, Miss Constance Spicer	8 p.m.
	Birmingham, Bull Ring	Dr. Helena Jones	7 p.m.
	Islefield Port Road	Miss Eastgate	7.30 p.m.
	Moseley, Debate	Miss G. M. Hazel	—
	Derby, Drill Hall	Miss Christabel Pankhurst, Miss Gladice Keovil	8 p.m.
	Edinburgh, At Home, 8, Melville Pl.	Miss Lucy Burns, Miss Margaret McPhun	3.45 p.m.
	London—147, Harley Street, W.	Speaker's Class	8.15 p.m.
	Chelsea, Blome Square	Miss Canning	7.30 p.m.
	Hammersmith, Ravenscourt Ave.	Miss V. Bryant	7 p.m.
	Knightsbridge Green	Miss West, Chair: Miss J. Hall	6.30 p.m.
	Thornton Heath, Clock Tower	Lady Constance Lytton, Miss E. Davison, B.A., Miss Rona Robinson, M.Sc., F. W. Peckick Lawrence, Esq., Chair: Miss Mary Gawthorpe	8 p.m.
	Manchester, Free Trade Hall	Mrs. Pethick Lawrence	10.30 p.m.
	Strangeways Prison	Mrs. Barrett, B.Sc.	8 p.m.
Saturday, 20.	Nottingham, Mechanics' Large Hall	Mrs. Eates, Miss Pethick, Chair: Miss Jessie Smith	3.30 p.m.
	Pennance, Cattle Market	Miss Jennings	5 p.m.
	Bath, At Home, Assembly Room	Miss Adela Pankhurst and Dundee	6.30 p.m.
	Birmingham, Tower Street	Hunger strikers. Chair: Mrs. Drummond	7.30 p.m.
	Bull Ring	Miss Fraser Smith, Miss Lupton	3 p.m.
	Procession round Winslow Green	Miss Flatman, Miss Constance Spicer	8 p.m.
	Glasgow, At Home, Charing Cross Hall	Miss West, Miss Kendal	7 p.m.
	Liverpool, The Dingle	Miss Auerbach	3.15 p.m.
	Wellington Column	Miss Ogston	3.45 p.m.
	London—Crouch End, Clock Tower	Miss Jacobs	7 p.m.
	Marylebone, W., Nutford Place	Members meet outside Prison Gates	6.30 a.m.
	Roehampton, Drawing-room	Mrs. Atkinson and members	11 a.m.
	West Kensington Railway Station	Miss Christabel Pankhurst	3 p.m.
	Manchester, Release of Miss Tolson	Miss Mills	7.30 p.m.
	Miss Liddle, Miss Sheppard	Miss Phyllis Ayrton, Chair: Mrs. Cameron Swan	3 p.m.
	"Votes" Corps, 164, Oxford Road	Miss Wylie	—
	Newcastle-on-Tyne, Haymarket	Mrs. B. Smith, Mrs. Brewster	3 p.m.
	For smooth Town Hall	Miss Laura Ainsworth	7 p.m.
	Rochdale, At Home, 2a, Bailey Street	Miss Christabel Pankhurst	8 p.m.
	Torquay, Constitutional Club	Miss Adela Pankhurst	8 p.m.
Sunday, 21	London—Croydon, Katharine Street	Miss Ada Flatman	3-5 p.m.
Monday, 22	Wimbledon Common	Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Miss Christabel Pankhurst, Miss Annie Kenney	3-5 p.m.
	Birmingham, Black Patch, Winslow Green	Miss Kelly	7.30 p.m.
	Bull Ring	Miss Williams	—
	Brighton, The Dome	Miss G. Brackenbury, Miss E. Branch	—
	Cathcart, Co-operative Society	Miss Wallace Dunlop, Miss Dugdale	8 p.m.
	Liverpool, At Home, 28, Berry Street (for members and friends)	Miss Gladice Keovil, Miss Brackenbury	3.30 & 7.30 p.m.
	London—Queen's Hall, At Home	Miss Mary Gawthorpe, Miss Margaret Hewitt	7.30 p.m.
	Chelsea, World's End	Miss Wallace Dunlop	3-5 p.m.
	Newcastle-on-Tyne, Dinner-hour	Miss Flatman, Mrs. John Edwards	8 p.m.
	Meeting, Rotwood Road	The Rev. Percy Dearmer, M.A.	8 p.m.
Tuesday, 23.	Northampton, At Home	Miss Naylor, Miss Barwell	5.30 p.m.
	Bampton, Devon, Public Meeting	Miss Corson, Miss M. Brackenbury	5 p.m.
	Drill Hall	Miss Conolan, Mrs. Mansel	8.30 p.m.
	Birmingham, At Home, Queen's College	Mrs. Mannes	8 p.m.
	Burnley, Mechanic's Institute	Miss Hazel and others	7 p.m.
	Exeter, At Home, Barnfield Hall	Miss Laura Ainsworth, Miss Myers	8 p.m.
	Liverpool, 48, Mount Pleasant	Miss Brackenbury	8 p.m.
	London—2, Campden Hill Square	Miss Christabel Pankhurst	3.30 p.m.
	At Home	Miss Wallace Dunlop	3-5 p.m.
	South Kensington Station	Mrs. Montague, Miss Dugdale	—
	Newcastle-on-Tyne, Haymarket	Miss A. Pankhurst, Mrs. Archdale	3 p.m.
	Northampton, S.D.P. Hall, Bearwood Street	Miss A. Pankhurst, Mrs. Archdale	8 p.m.
	Paisley, At Home	Mrs. Drummond	8 p.m.
	Stirling, At Home	Miss Conolan, Miss Mansel	4 p.m.
Wednesday, 24	Birkenhead, Haymarket	Mrs. Hartop	8 p.m.
	Birmingham, Bull Ring	Miss Fraser Smith, Miss Constance Spicer	8 p.m.
	Plough, Harrow Road	Miss E. Morrison	8 p.m.
	Saltley, Morton Hall	Miss Hafford	8 p.m.
	Bristol, Large Colston Hall	Miss Williams	8 p.m.
	Cardiff, At Home, Park Hall	Hon. Mrs. Haverfield	8 p.m.
	Credition, At Home, B.W.T.A. Hall	Miss Wallace Dunlop	7.30 p.m.
	Edinburgh, At Home, Oak Hall, Edinburgh Cafe	Preston Members	7.30 p.m.
	At Home, 8, Melville Place	Miss Fraser Smith	8 p.m.
	Glasgow, Burgh Hall, Kinning Park	Miss A. Pankhurst, Mrs. Archdale	3 p.m.
	Helensburgh, At Home	Miss A. Pankhurst, Mrs. Archdale	8 p.m.
	Leeds, Clowes Primitive Methodist Chapel, Meanwood Road	Mrs. Drummond	8 p.m.
	Liverpool, Edge Hill Church	Miss Conolan, Miss Mansel	4 p.m.
	London—Chelsea, 278, King's Road	Mrs. Hartop	8 p.m.
	Peckham Baptist Chapel, Rye Lane	Miss Fraser Smith, Miss Constance Spicer	8 p.m.
	Wood Green, Public Meeting, Unity Hall	Miss E. Morrison	8 p.m.
	Newcastle-on-Tyne, Crosby's Cafe	Miss Hafford	8 p.m.
	Nottingham, Morley's Cafe	Miss Williams	8 p.m.
	Pontypridd	Hon. Mrs. Haverfield	8 p.m.
	Preston, At Home, 41, Glover's Court	Miss Wallace Dunlop	7.30 p.m.
Thursday, 25	Birkenhead, Park Gates	Preston Members	7.30 p.m.
	Birmingham, Tower Street and St. George's Church	Miss Fraser Smith	8 p.m.
	Mission Hall, Heath Green Road	Miss A. Pankhurst, Mrs. Archdale	3 p.m.
	33, Paradise Street	Miss A. Pankhurst, Mrs. Archdale	8 p.m.
	Blackburn, Lee's Hall	Mrs. Drummond	8 p.m.
	Glasgow, Langside Hall	Miss Conolan, Miss Mansel	4 p.m.
	Liverpool, Islington Square	Mrs. Hartop	8 p.m.
	London—Crouch End, Assembly Rms.	Miss Fraser Smith, Miss Constance Spicer	8 p.m.
	Richmond, St. John's Club Room	Miss E. Morrison	8 p.m.
	St. James' Hall, At Home	Miss Hafford	8 p.m.
	Malvern	Miss Williams	8 p.m.
	Newport, At Home, Central Hall	Hon. Mrs. Haverfield	8 p.m.
	Pontypool	Miss Wallace Dunlop	7.30 p.m.
	Stapleford, United Methodist Young People's Guild	Miss Fraser Smith	8 p.m.
Friday, 26	Birmingham, Bull Ring	Miss A. Pankhurst, Mrs. Archdale	3 p.m.
	Bristol—Release of Miss Vera Wentworth and Miss Mary Allen	Miss A. Pankhurst, Mrs. Archdale	8 p.m.
	Glasgow, Bellgrove Hall, Dennistoun	Mrs. Drummond	8 p.m.
	Liverpool, Beech Street, Kensington	Miss Conolan, Miss Mansel	4 p.m.
	Walton, Rice Lane	Mrs. Hartop	8 p.m.
	London—Mrs. Leigh's Action against Home Secretary and others	Miss Fraser Smith, Miss Constance Spicer	8 p.m.
	Manchester, At Home, Onward Buildings, Deansgate	Miss E. Morrison	8 p.m.
Saturday, 27	Bath, At Home, Assembly Rooms	Miss Hafford	8 p.m.
	Birmingham, Procession round Winslow Green	Miss Williams	8 p.m.
	Bristol—Release of Miss Jessie Lawes	Hon. Mrs. Haverfield	8 p.m.
	Glasgow, At Home, Charing Cross Hall	Miss Wallace Dunlop	7.30 p.m.
	Manchester, "Votes" Corps, meet 164, Oxford Road	Miss Fraser Smith	8 p.m.
	Rochdale, At Home, 2a, Bailey Street	Miss A. Pankhurst, Mrs. Archdale	3 p.m.

## IMPORTANT FUTURE EVENTS.

November 29	London, King's Bench Division, Special Case: Right of Petition	Miss Christabel Pankhurst, Lady Constance Lytton	—
December 1	Glasgow, St. Andrew's Hall	Mrs. Pethick Lawrence	3 p.m.
December 1	London, Chiswick Town Hall, Hoarth Room	—	—
December 2	London, St. James's Hall, Welcome to Mrs. Leigh	—	—
December 6	London, Queen's Hall, Welcome to Mrs. Leigh	—	—
December 9	London, Albert Hall	—	—
December 10	Hove Town Hall	—	—
December 14	Birmingham, Town Hall	—	—
December 14	Bradford	—	—
December 14	Manchester, Free Trade Hall	—	—
December 15	Bradford, Public Welcome to Hunger Strikers, Mechanic's Institute	—	—
December 15	Leamington, Town Hall	—	—
December 16	Cardiff, Park Hall	—	—
December 16	Covebury, Reception	—	—

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BY A MANCHESTER REPORTER.

Arriving at 59, Cedar Street, my first impression was that of a well-organised hive of industry, controlled by a master hand, and very soon after a chat with Mr. Veno and a thorough inspection of the entire premises my impression was confirmed. Mr. Veno, in reply to questions of mine, stated that although the business in Great Britain had only been established eleven years, the sale of Veno's Lightning Cough Cure had reached the extraordinary figures of over 2,000,000 bottles annually. On asking him the reasons for the remarkable popularity of his remedy, Mr. Veno said it was due chiefly to its purity, efficacy, and freedom from all dangerous drugs, thus making it safe for even the youngest child; other reasons being, he said, a pleasant taste and speedy and lasting effect.

"Is Veno's Lightning Cough Cure much different in composition from other cough medicines?" I asked. Mr. Veno replied, "Emphatically so; and I consider the fact of my formula being off the beaten track and entailing the use of many valuable extracts never before used in British Pharmacy the primary reason of its great success. One of these extracts," Mr. Veno went on to say, "is that of a rare Californian plant, which some years ago was proved to be almost specific in cases of bronchitis, asthma, and chronic chest and lung troubles, and the efficiency of Veno's Lightning Cough Cure in radically curing these more serious complaints makes it infinitely superior to the ordinary cough preparations, which as a rule only aim at temporary relief, and often do more harm than good."

"What do analysts and the medical profession think of Veno's Lightning Cough Cure?" I suggested. Mr. Veno said, "It has received the endorsement of purity, safety, and efficacy at the hands of the highest authorities, is recommended by doctors, nurses, and people of position everywhere, and chemists in every town are testifying to the enormous demand for it."

"What do you recommend Veno's Lightning Cough Cure for?" "Coughs, colds, bronchitis, asthma, nasal catarrh, influenza, whooping cough, old-age coughs, and all chronic chest and lung troubles, and I might mention that during the severe influenza epidemic of two years ago no remedy was more widely used or uniformly successful."

"Presumably you must possess many testimonials?" "Thousands, from high and low." "Do you ever pay for these?" "Most decidedly not. All I possess are spontaneous letters of satisfaction, and entirely unsolicited, and it has always been a business principle of mine never to pay for a testimonial in any shape or form." I then made my departure, thoroughly convinced that if ever an article justified all that was claimed for it, Veno's Lightning Cough Cure was that one.



## THE CAMPAIGN THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY

**London.**—Mrs. Flora Drummond, W.S.P.U., 4, Clements Inn, W.C.1.  
**West of England & South Wales.**—Miss Annie Kenney, 37, Queen's Road (opposite Art Gallery), Clifton, Bristol. Exeter:—Miss Dugdale, 3, Richmond Road, Torquay. Miss Elsie Howey, 32, Victoria Parade, Cardiff. Miss Elsie Mackenzie, 191, Richmond Road, Newport. Miss Gabrielle Jeffrey, "Votes for Women" Shop, 45, Clarence Place, Bournemouth. Miss K. S. Birnasingh, 59, Holdenhurst Road, Cornwall. Miss Edith Williams, Glanafon, Devon, R.S.O.  
**Lancashire & North Wales.**—Miss Mary Gawthorpe, 164, Oxford Road, Manchester. Liverpool and Cheshire:—Miss S. Ada Flatman, 28, Berry Street, Liverpool. Southport:—Miss Dora Marsden, Post Office, Burnley. Miss M. Hewitt, 94, Albion Street, Preston. Miss M. Crocker, Rochdale. Miss Gladice G. Keovil, 33, Paradise Street, Birmingham. Nottingham:—Miss N. Crocker, 6, Carlton Street. Northampton:—Miss A. D. Corson, 10, Holly Road.  
**Yorkshire.**—Miss Mary Phillips, 68, Manningham Lane, Bradford.  
**Newcastle.**—Miss Annie Williams, 19, Nixon Street, Lothians Place.  
**Glasgow & West of Scotland.**—Miss G. Conolan, 502, Sauchiehall Street, Charing Cross.  
**Edinburgh and S.E. Scotland.**—Miss Florence E. M. Macaulay, 8, Melville Place, Queensferry Street; Mrs. Drummond, 63, Princes Street.  
**Dundee.**—Miss MacLean, 48, Union Street.

Several of the organisers have introduced the excellent plan of a series of meetings addressed by a special speaker. During the past week Lady Constance Lytton has been addressing meetings in Liverpool and Cheshire, and many converts have been made. The campaign opened at Chester, when the Music Hall was well filled, and other meetings have been held at the Yamen Rooms, Liverpool (reception), at the house of Mrs. L. S. Dixon, The Mount, Blundellsands, at the Central Hall, Hoylake, and at the Assembly Rooms, New Brighton. Lady Isabel Margesson has addressed meetings in the Midlands, as reported below, and Mrs. Montague and Mrs. Eates have delighted many audiences in the West of England. During next week the principal speaker for the West of England is Miss Wallace Dunlop, the initiator of the hunger strike. From all centres the reports show great and increasing activity. Special mention should be made of the novel form of advertising a meeting adopted in Edinburgh, where women carrying standards marched up and down Princes Street.

### London and Home Counties.

Several London workers took part in the protest at the Savoy Theatre last Thursday, when Mr. Lloyd George was present, and the audience at the Thursday evening At Home in St. James's Hall were able to hear a first-hand account of what took place from two of the women who came straight on from the theatre. An account will be found on page 116. There is room for volunteers for this work, which is under the special charge of Miss Jessie Kenney.

Miss Margesson, who is in charge of working up the two London free weekly meetings—Queen's Hall, Monday afternoon, 3 to 5, and St. James's Hall, Thursday evening, 8 to 10—reports that the work is most encouraging. She will be glad of volunteers for sandwiching on Monday mornings at 10.45, and for chalking on Thursday mornings at the same hour. Will those able to help in this way kindly communicate with Miss Margesson, W.S.P.U., 4, Clements Inn, W.C.1. Members are asked to do all they can to make these two meetings known, and to explain that they are free to the public, and that strangers are invited. Those members wishing to act as stewards at the Queen's Hall should send in their names to Miss Hambling or call at the W.S.P.U. offices, 4, Clements Inn, W.C.1, on Mondays and Thursdays at 10.45 a.m. Stewards must be on duty at the Queen's Hall at 2 p.m. The movement is being specially brought home to nurses, teachers, and typists, and small evening meetings are being arranged for this purpose in connection with the special "At Home" campaign.

There is room for volunteers for selling VOTES FOR WOMEN at the various pitches. As arranged at present, the pitches with their captains are:—Charing Cross, Miss Kelley; Tottenham Court Road, Miss Molly Cather; Piccadilly, Miss Bowker; Marble Arch, Mrs. Penn Gaskell; Hammersmith, Miss Jarvis; Ludgate Hill, Miss Bryant; Croydon, Mrs. Cameron Swan.

Will volunteers put themselves in touch with Miss Ainsworth, W.S.P.U., 4, Clements Inn, W.C.1. Sellers are especially needed between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., and callers are seen between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Will all members wishing to take tickets on sale or return for the welcome meeting to Mrs. Pankhurst at the Albert Hall on December 9 communicate at once with Miss Cooke, ticket secretary, W.S.P.U., 4, Clements Inn, stating how many tickets they think they can sell. Names of those wishing to act as stewards at this meeting should be sent in without delay to Miss Hambling, W.S.P.U., 4, Clements Inn, W.C.1. Members only are eligible, and they should be at the Albert Hall by 6 p.m. Will any who can distribute posters, window posters, and handbills making this meeting known apply to Miss Kerr, W.S.P.U., 4, Clements Inn, W.C.1.

### West of England and South Wales.

During the open-air campaign just closed at least eight meetings daily have been held in every constituency. On nearly every occa-

sion large and interested crowds have gathered, and the sympathy of working men has been very noticeable. Meetings have also been held at Box and at Bedminster. Mrs. Montague and Miss Dorothy Pethick delighted the audience at Monday's Bristol At Home, when Miss Kenney presided. A poster parade advertising forthcoming events (Miss Christabel Pankhurst's meeting on Wednesday, the 24th, and the protest on the occasion of Mr. Lloyd George's visit—described on page 116) paraded the town on Friday and Saturday. The public responded famously to the handbill inviting them to join in the protest, and thronged the streets in thousands. Miss Wallace Dunlop will address the West of England At Homes next week.

Bath members had an eye-witness's account of the police court proceedings at Bristol at their Saturday At Home by Miss Jessie Smith, and Mrs. Montague spoke most interestingly on the meaning of the woman's movement.

At Exeter Miss Dugdale has addressed the Women's Co-operative Guild on votes for women; Miss Ross, a London member staying at Ilfracombe, has kindly undertaken work in Barnstaple, and arrangements are being made for a public meeting there on December 7, with Miss Ogston as speaker.

Arrangements are being made to hold weekly At Homes at Torquay every Saturday evening. Will members who can help to make these known call at the Torquay shop, or at Teendaria, Osney Crescent, Paignton.

Mrs. Montague addressed the Cardiff At Home last week, and a good meeting was also held in Barry. Tickets are ready for Miss Christabel Pankhurst's meeting on December 16 at the Large Park Hall. Application should be made to Miss Elsie Mackenzie, address as above.

Newport members have also been addressed by Mrs. Montague, Mrs. Mitchell presiding. Mrs. D. A. Thomas entertained the members to tea and subscribed £1 to the Mary Leigh Defence Fund.

In Cornwall Miss Elsie Howey has addressed an At Home at Truro, and another meeting is being arranged for December 6, particulars of which will be announced shortly.

### Lancashire and North Wales.

The first Free Trade Hall meeting of the season takes place this (Friday) evening, the 19th inst. Tickets (all prices, from 3d. to 2s. 6d.) may be obtained at Forsyth's, Deansgate, or at the offices, 164, Oxford Road, from members, or at the doors. The speakers are Lady Constance Lytton, Miss Emily Davison, Miss Rona Robinson, and Mr. Pethick Lawrence. Miss Mary Gawthorpe will be in the chair. Doors are open at 7 o'clock, and there will be an organ recital from 7.15 to 8 p.m. This demonstration will be followed up by the second of the series in Manchester, in the same hall, on Tuesday, December 14, when Miss Christabel Pankhurst will be the guest of the evening. In view of the approaching General Election offers of drawing-room meetings, from which recruits may be drawn for an election campaign, are urgently needed. Nurse Griffin has been addressing useful meetings of laundry and other workers at Urmston; she reports that all the women were heartily in agreement as to the immediate need for the vote, and were convinced that the methods of the W.S.P.U. were the only ones to fit the present situation. The protests outside Strangeways Prison continue daily; and on Monday night forcible-feeding posters were put up round the prison. The prisoners will be released to-morrow (Saturday), and, failing information to the contrary, members are asked to be at the prison on Saturday at 6.30 a.m. Mr. Pethick Lawrence will also be present. Miss Lily Asquith, who rendered yeoman service in the cause at Newcastle on the occasion of Mr. Lloyd George's visit, will be publicly welcomed at Blackburn on Thursday, November 25, at the Lees Hall at 7.30 a.m. Tickets, 1s., 6d., and 3d.

Lady Constance Lytton's tour this week will include visits to Bolton, Preston, Southport, and Birkdale, in addition to Manchester.

Lady Constance Lytton and Miss Flatman have been very hard at work in Liverpool and Cheshire, where much new ground has been broken and excellent meetings have been held. Members will like to know that another Sun Hall meeting will be held during the second week in December. Miss Flatman invites offers of help in stewarding, both for that meeting and permanently for future meetings, but members are asked not to wait for the announcement of the exact date, but to volunteer without delay. Volunteers for advertising the meeting in various ways, at meetings and otherwise, are asked to communicate with Miss Fraser Smith. Miss Flatman also appeals for drawing-room meetings, which she will be glad to supply with speakers, provided a week's notice is given. Over fifty members have been added during the few weeks the new offices have been open.

Miss Dora Marsden, with the help of Mrs. and Miss Janie Whittaker, Mrs. Butterworth, Miss Glennie, and others, is hard at work in Southport. Lady Constance Lytton and Miss Gawthorpe have spoken at open-air meetings this

week at Southport and Birkdale. The meetings were arranged at very short notice, and necessitated an enormous amount of work, to which members responded magnificently. The orders for VOTES FOR WOMEN have increased from four dozen to 250, in addition to those ordered through newagents. Mrs. and Miss Lovell have been very successful with house-to-house selling, and members are guaranteeing the sale of twenty copies each.

Miss Margaret Hewitt, at Burnley, announces the first large indoor meeting in the district to take place next Tuesday, November 23, in the Mechanics' Institute at 8 p.m. Will members and friends note the address (given above) and volunteer their help in making this meeting known, selling tickets, stewarding, etc.? Burnley being a great industrial centre, it is important that the meeting should be brought to the notice of women mill-workers. Similar meetings are being arranged for Nelson, Colne, Accrington, Clitheroe, and in Rossendale Valley. Will members in either of these districts communicate with Miss Hewitt?

### Midlands.

The devotion of Birmingham members in visiting Winson Green Gaol each night to cheer Miss Charlotte Marsh is having a very good result. Afternoon meetings for women only are being arranged, and on December 8 Miss Gladice Keovil and Miss Laura Ainsworth will address a large public meeting at the Campden Schools. A members' meeting will be held at 33, Paradise Street on Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. to discuss plans, introduce new speakers, etc. Will members note this? Tickets for the Town Hall meeting on December 14 should be applied for at once. Will every Birmingham member come forward and do her best to make this meeting a unique success?

Elsewhere in the Midlands work is also very active. Miss Brackenbury, with Lady Isabel Margesson in the chair, will speak at two meetings arranged by members at Malvern on the 25th. Miss Burditt and Miss Dora Benson are organising a large public meeting, at which Miss Gladice Keovil will speak, in the Temperance Hall, Walsall, for December 17. Leamington members are rallying round Miss Bertha Ryland, and an excellent welcome for Mrs. Pankhurst in the Town Hall on December 15 is anticipated.

Miss Isabel Kelley is making good headway in Derby for to-day's meeting, at which Miss Christabel Pankhurst speaks and Miss Gladice Keovil presides.

Lady Isabel Margesson addressed a very successful meeting in Coventry last week, for which Miss Gill kindly guaranteed all expenses. Miss Gladice Keovil will preside at the reception to Mrs. Pankhurst on December 16 in the Queen's Hotel.

The At Home at Nottingham last Thursday was addressed by Lady Isabel Margesson, who delighted her hearers. The Hon. Mrs. Haverfield is the speaker for the next At Home (next Wednesday). There will also be an At Home on Friday, December 10, at 8 p.m. at the East Circus Street Hall. It is hoped to hold fortnightly At Homes from January up to the end of April, possibly at the Mechanics' Institute. Lady Constance Lytton has promised to speak at the first of the series on January 12.

At Northampton, the great event of the week was the Town Hall meeting on Friday, at which Miss Christabel Pankhurst was the speaker. This was successful beyond expectation. Miss Pankhurst entirely captured the audience, who showed their appreciation by subscribing nearly £12 to the funds. Miss Georgina Brackenbury will speak next Monday. Miss Evelyn Branch has kindly promised to act as Treasurer for the Northampton campaign. Names of paper sellers will be gladly received by Miss Corson, address as above.

### Yorkshire.

Miss Mary Phillips reports that appeals for meetings arrive daily from various parts of the county. It has been arranged to hold an At Home at Leeds (Arts Club) at 7.30 p.m. on December 3, when Miss Gladice Keovil will speak, and a larger meeting will be held later on in the month. Excellent work is being done in holding open-air meetings, selling VOTES FOR WOMEN, etc., by Mrs. Swales, Miss Briggs, Miss Foster, and others. Miss Marie Hughes is arranging an invitation meeting in Harrogate, and from Hull comes a request for workers to take a week of meetings, local members guaranteeing expenses. In Bradford itself members and friends are looking forward to the welcome meeting to hunger strikers, including Miss Adela Pankhurst. Lady Constance Lytton, who speaks at the At Home in Bradford on December 14, will also speak at the public meeting in the Mechanics' Institute on December 15 at 8 p.m. Tickets: 1s., 6d. reserved (a limited number only), 1s., 6d., and 3d. unreserved, and a few for working women at 1d., are on sale. Will members call at the shop for them and undertake to sell tickets, distribute bills, and otherwise make the meeting known? Clerical help—addressing envelopes, etc.—will be welcomed. Volunteers as stewards for the Mechanics' Institute meeting should communicate with Miss Hartland at the offices. Men able to act as stewards are invited to communicate with Miss Lishmann. Notice of weekly At Homes in Bradford will

be given later. Excellent meetings, indoor and out, have been held, and VOTES FOR WOMEN sells well. A Mary Leigh Collecting Card, for sums from 1d. to 1s., is proving very successful.

### Newcastle.

Now that Miss Kitty Marion is released, members are entering upon their strenuous winter campaign, of which the following is an outline:—Mondays, dinner-hour meetings at various works' gates; first Tuesday in the month, Bigg Market; second Tuesday, Byker; third Tuesday, Benwell; fourth Tuesday, Haymarket (all at 7.30 p.m.); every Wednesday at Crosby's Café a speakers' class is held from 7 to 8, and a meeting for members and friends from 8 to 9.30 p.m. On Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays the organiser is free to hold indoor meetings arranged by friends in Newcastle or elsewhere in the district. A new member, Dr. Alice Burn, from New Zealand, was the speaker at last week's At Home. She is one of the six medical inspectors for schools in Durham, and her address delighted her audience. Miss Kitty Marion was present, and had a most enthusiastic welcome, and Mrs. Atkinson also spoke on propaganda work on the East Coast, to which she has devoted a week's holiday. Miss Lettice Floyd is organising the shop, and is responsible for the sales of VOTES FOR WOMEN. Members are invited to make themselves responsible for a definite number of copies weekly.

### Glasgow and West of Scotland.

A great deal of work has been planned during the past week. At a members' meeting at Helensburgh tickets were sold and stewards promised for the St. Andrew's Hall meeting, and work was arranged for the winter. Mrs. Mansel will be the chief speaker at the Paisley and Stirling At Homes next Tuesday (November 23), and at the Helensburgh At Home on the 24th. Miss Conolan invites all interested in Votes for Women living in the above districts to write to her that she may put them in communication with the members who are organising the local work. Miss Adela Pankhurst and the Dundee hunger strikers had an enthusiastic reception at a welcome arranged in their honour. Miss Adela Pankhurst also spoke at a crowded meeting in the Coatbridge Town Hall, and will be the principal speaker at the Charing Cross Hall At Home to-morrow, her first appearance on a Glasgow platform since her hunger strike. Mrs. Drummond will preside. At a crowded At Home last week Mrs. Brailsford described her protest in Newcastle in a charming and humorous speech. Members who have numbered and reserved tickets for the St. Andrew's Hall out on sale are asked to let Miss Conolan know how these are going, as the office supply is running short, and it may be necessary to order more. The Mary Leigh Defence Fund has opened with 11s. 6d. The name of the member whose gifts to the office were acknowledged last week should have been Miss Soga not Miss Sage.

### Edinburgh and S.E. Scotland.

Mrs. James Ivory presided over a crowded meeting in the Edinburgh Café last week, when telling speeches were made by "General" Drummond and Mrs. Brailsford. The same speakers delighted a packed audience at 8, Melville Place in the evening. The success of these meetings was largely due to Miss Hudson's band of volunteers, who carried standards (a great improvement, Miss Macaulay reports, on sandwich-boards) up and down Prince's Street. A snapshot of the scene, described as "an unusual sight in Edinburgh," appeared in the *Evening Dispatch*. To-day Miss Lucy Burns, whose advent as Miss Macaulay's colleague is much appreciated, and Miss Margaret McPhun will be the speakers. Next week, Wednesday, November 24 (instead of Friday to avoid clashing with Mrs. Henry Fawcett's long-announced visit), Miss Adela Pankhurst and Mrs. Archdale will be welcomed in the Oak Hall, on their first appearance in Edinburgh after their Dundee hunger strike. All members are earnestly asked to devote some time every week to working for the movement. In order that their services may be made the most of, they should inform the organiser as soon as possible on which days and in what way they can be relied upon to help.

### Dundee.

The new organiser, Miss MacLean, is now in charge, and work, with the aid of local helpers, is going ahead most energetically. Successful At Homes—one at the house of Mrs. Douglas, at Tayport, and another at Mrs. Smith's, Newport—have been held. Mrs. Mansel was the speaker on both occasions. Mrs. Mansel has also addressed a Women's Guild, and the two weekly At Homes were almost crowded out. Twenty-six members have joined during the last few days. Miss Adela Pankhurst addressed a public meeting at Tayport, when Provost Greig occupied the chair; on Sunday Miss Adela Pankhurst addressed a large and sympathetic audience at the High School gate, and on Thursday spoke at a large public meeting arranged by the Men's League. The market stall is proving a great success; it is in charge of relays of members. VOTES FOR WOMEN is selling extremely well. Will sympathisers communicate with Miss MacLean, at 48, Union Street?



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## LOCAL NOTES.

**BA. TERSEA W.S.P.U.**—Two meetings were held last week at Battersea and one on Clapham Common. Miss Fergus and Mrs. Bartlett were the speakers, supported by Mrs. Strong and Mrs. Hinton. We are holding an open-air meeting, weather permitting, at the Prince's Head to-morrow (Saturday), November 20, at 8 p.m., and on Clapham Common on Sunday, November 21, at 3 p.m. Mrs. Boorne, 23, Sugden Road, Lavender Hill, our literature secretary, appeals for volunteers to sell the paper. A committee meeting will be held at Mrs. Strong's house, 84, Elspeth Road, Lavender Hill, on Monday, November 22, at 7 p.m., to be followed by a workers' meeting at 8 p.m. Will Clapham friends endeavour to be present at this meeting, as Battersea wishes to join with them in extending the work?—F. BARTLETT, Hon. Sec.

**BOWES PARK W.S.P.U.**—Open-air and indoor meetings have been held, addressed by Miss Gibson, Mrs. Cullen, and Mrs. Tanner. Miss Gibson has also addressed a local literary society. Workers are urgently wanted to sell VOTES FOR WOMEN in the locality. Please communicate with the Secretary.—R. S. NEAL.

**BRIGHTON W.S.P.U.**—Will all stewards be at the special meeting of stewards on Saturday next at 7.30 p.m., when final arrangements for the Dome meeting on the 22nd will be made? On Wednesday Miss Brackenbury addressed an appreciative audience at a drawing-room meeting at 8, San Remo. We expect to have Miss Brackenbury in Brighton again soon, and hope to have a hall in which she can address a much larger audience.—M. CLARKE.

**CHISWICK W.S.P.U.**—At our second afternoon meeting in the Town Hall on November 3, 3 p.m., Miss Isabel Seymour spoke to an interested audience. Several new members were enrolled and a collection taken. On December 1 we have the last of this series of meetings; Mrs. Pethick Lawrence will be the chief speaker. We offer a hearty welcome to everybody. All seats free.—C. M. O. COOMBS.

**CHELSEA W.S.P.U.**—On Thursday Miss Pankhurst and Miss Naylor spoke at a very crowded and successful meeting in the Town Hall. The resolution condemning the action of the Home Secretary in ordering the forcible feeding, and demanding the release of Charlotte Marsh, was carried practically unanimously. The resolution was sent to Mr. Gladstone, Mr. Asquith, and our member for Chelsea. We are much indebted to our stewards, who worked so well. On Friday at Orange Square, and on Saturday at Sloane Square, Miss Canning had large audiences. Miss Barry had a good meeting at South Kensington Station on Saturday. On Tuesday Mrs. Jones addressed a crowd at South Kensington Station. On Wednesday Mrs. Massey had a tremendous meeting in Sloane Square, and on Wednesday Miss Barry and Miss Myers spoke at Chelsea Green and Miss Peck at the World's End. Miss Wylie gave a splendid address at our weekly evening At Home. On Wednesday, 24th, at 8 o'clock at our office, Miss Evelyn Morrison will speak on the vote in Australia and New Zealand. Will some ladies come forward and offer their drawing-rooms for an afternoon meeting; even a small room to hold a few is most useful.—F. E. HAIG, Hon. Sec.

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**CROYDON W.S.P.U.**—We had a very good meeting on Sunday. Next Sunday Miss Phyllis Ayrton speaks for us. Our thanks are due to Miss Smith, who has handed our Treasurer, Miss Inglis, £2, profit on the Suffrage plays she so kindly arranged with the help of Miss Gibbs and Miss Green. Will all members follow their good example and help us when and how they can? We hope to have the lease of our local offices signed this week.—G. CAMERON-SWAN, Hon. Sec.

**FOREST GATE W.S.P.U.**—On Monday Earham Hall was full to overflowing for our second autumn meeting, and Miss Hannah Lightman's able speech was much appreciated. The collection paid for the hall. At our open-air meeting on Friday a large crowd assembled to listen to Mrs. Violet Jones, and many papers were sold. To-day (Nov. 19) Dr. Gordon Clarke has kindly promised to speak for us at Sebert Road at 7 p.m. VOTES FOR WOMEN Corps 6 p.m., at 129, Earham Grove. Volunteers for paper selling are still much needed.—V. H. FAIRCLANDER, Hon. Sec.

**HAMMERSMITH W.S.P.U.**—We hope shortly to fit up, as our shop and office, the two ground floor rooms of the private house of one of our members in the main thoroughfare. We should be grateful for a gift of linoleum, matting or rugs, a glass show case, and a table and chairs. On Tuesday, November 23, we have an At Home for members and friends at 8, Edith Road, West Kensington. We hope to have Nurse Pitfield as speaker. The sale of VOTES FOR WOMEN at the Hammersmith Broadway pitch is increasing. Sellers wanted for Wednesday and Friday, 5 to 8.30, each week. Please communicate with Miss Jarvis. For future meetings see "Programme of Events."—F. E. ROWE, Hon. Sec.

**HAMPSTEAD W.S.P.U.**—Our heartfelt thanks are due to the members who worked so hard to make our Town Hall meeting a success. The hall was crowded, and the few interrupters only gave Miss Pankhurst an opportunity for some brilliant repartee. A meeting will be held on Tuesday next, 8.30 p.m., at 11, Worsley Road, to discuss suitable positions, etc., for a shop. Special thanks are due to Mrs. W. Bull for her energy in selling nearly £3 worth of tickets.—D. PHAROS.

**LORNSEY W.S.P.U.**—At St. Thomas's Road last Thursday Miss Coombs had a capital meeting, and on Saturday a large crowd listened to Miss Jarvis at the Archway. Miss West speaks at the

Clock Tower on Saturday, 20th, at 7 p.m., Miss Kendall in the chair. We hope to continue our fortnightly meetings here for some time to come, weather permitting. All members are urged to come and bring their friends to the first meeting of our winter campaign on Thursday, 25th, at the Assembly Rooms, Crouch End; Mrs. Eates will give the address. We want volunteers to sell the paper at the various pitches which we propose to set up. All offers of help should be sent to me at 11, Gladsmuir Road, Highgate.—CLARE BROWN.

**ILFORD W.S.P.U.**—We have arranged to hold a public meeting on November 25 in the Reading Room, High Road, at 8 p.m. Friends who can help in chalking notices or carrying sandwich boards will be heartily welcomed at 68, Cranbrook Road, on November 22 and 24, at 7.45 p.m. Paper sellers please call at above address on Saturday at 7 p.m.—ETHEL HASLAM, Hon. Sec.

**KENSINGTON W.S.P.U.**—A crowded audience attended the debate on militant tactics, opened by Mrs. Cameron Swan and opposed by Miss Ransom (N.U.W.S.B.) at last Tuesday's At Home. Our resolution was carried by an overwhelming majority, though Miss Ransom deserved the applause that greeted her defence of peaceable methods. At St. Mark's Hall on Friday evening, our resolution condemning the militant methods of the Government was also carried with but one dissentient, and Mrs. Lorisignol and Mr. Joseph Clayton both spoke well. Next Tuesday, the 23rd, our speaker at 2, Campden Hill Square, at 8 p.m., will be the Rev. Percy Dearmer. In spite of the cold weather our sellers sold 600 papers this week; more volunteers still wanted. Our thanks are due to Mrs. Stanley Mappin for donation of 10s., and to Mr. Reginald Pott, who, by a generous donation of £3 17s., has raised our jumble sale profits to £25; and to certain members of the committee for a batch of mince pies, already selling well at the shop. Mrs. Mills has kindly lent us her drawing-room for our next afternoon At Home on December 1, when Mrs. Zangwill and Mr. Laurence Housman will speak; invitations on application to the shop, where gifts suitable for sale as Christmas presents, eatable and otherwise, will be gratefully received.—LOUISE M. EATES, Hon. Sec.

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**LEWISHAM W.S.P.U.**—Our first public At Home, held on Friday, November 12, at the Ethical Hall, Greenwich Road, went splendidly. It was well attended, and Mrs. Massey's eloquent address made a profound impression. About £8. worth of literature was sold, and the collection more than covered the expenses of the hall. Miss Purvis contributed to the success of the evening with a musical selection. These At Homes will be held regularly at the Ethical Hall on the second Friday of each month at 8 p.m. Admission free. In December our speaker will be Miss Evelyn Sharp. We have to thank those members and friends who have already sent parcels for the jumble sale. A great many more things are needed, and parcels should be sent as soon as possible to our shop. Several of our members have undertaken to make cakes, Christmas puddings, and sweets on order at ordinary store prices, the profit to go to our shop fund. All orders should be sent to our shop, where members and friends can also be supplied with useful Christmas presents at moderate prices. Mrs. Bouvier (Hon. Sec.) will attend regularly at the shop on Wednesdays from 5.30 to 6.30 p.m., and on Saturdays from 5 to 8.30 p.m.—(Mrs.) J. A. BOUVIER.

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**NORTH-WEST LONDON W.S.P.U.**—At our meeting in Brondesbury Hall on Tuesday, 9th inst., Mrs. Pethick Lawrence's address on the militant tactics was enthusiastically received by the large audience. Many promises of yearly and monthly contributions for the shop were received, and a good collection taken. The shop continues to attract considerable attention, and to do good business. Many new members are joining. As we want to reach everyone in our large district, we appeal to all wishing to help to call at the shop, when suitable work will be found for everyone, whether as speakers, canvassers, sellers of the paper, or helpers in the various matters connected with the shop. Many successful outdoor meetings have been held. We hope shortly to arrange for our At Homes to take place weekly. Who will give us chairs to save hiring?—ELINOR PENN GASKELL, Hon. Sec.

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**PUTNEY AND FULHAM W.S.P.U.**—Open-air meetings will be discontinued for the present. On Monday, November 22, at 8.15 p.m., a debate, under the auspices of the Granard Society, will take place between Miss M. Brackenbury and Mr. W. M. Pringle, Liberal candidate for North-West Lanarkshire, at the Presbyterian Church, Upper Richmond Road, Putney. Admission free. Will as many friends as possible try to be present. Will friends also remember the At Home which takes place to-morrow (Saturday) at 3.45 p.m., given by Mrs. Horace Barrett, at "The Croft," Rodway Road, Roehampton. The chair will be taken by Mrs. Cecil Chapman, the speakers being Miss Helen Ogston and Mr. Cecil Chapman. Paper sellers are still urgently needed. Two of our members "sold out" outside a teachers' meeting last Friday, the chairman giving a shilling for her copy. Tickets for the Albert Hall can be obtained and a plan of the hall seen at our shop. Miss C. Sidney-Woolf is now literature secretary.—H. ROBERTS, L. CURTIS, Hon. Secs.

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**REDHILL W.S.P.U.**—The first open-air meeting of this new Union was held on Saturday, November 6, at 7.30, when Miss Phyllis Ayrton spoke. A start has been made with the sale of VOTES FOR WOMEN in the streets with gratifying results.—KATHARINE RICHMOND, Hon. Sec.

**RICHMOND AND KEW W.S.P.U.**—The second indoor meeting, held on November 11, at the St. John's Club Room, was much better attended than the first, and the collection was considerably larger. The chair was taken by Mrs. Boulter, and Mr. E.

Duval gave us a capital address. Miss D. Coombs spoke at our meeting in Heron Court on the 18th inst., Miss E. Barnett taking the chair. As already announced, we have an At Home and sale of work from 3 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, November 18, in the St. John's Club Room; and at the evening meeting in the same hall on Thursday, November 25, Miss Helen Ogston has kindly promised to speak.—CLARA T. CLAYTON, Hon. Sec.

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